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ALL APPLICANTS MUST PASS AN EXAMINATION

Persons Wishing to Become Enumerators Must File Applications Soon

AGE LIMIT 18 TO 70 YEARS

Either Man or Woman who are Citizens of the United States Take the Census.

Any person of good judgement, who has received an ordinary common school education, can readily and easily pass the test to be given applicants for census eumerator's places on Saturday, February 5th, the date finally set by U. S. Census Director Durand, according to an announcement from the Census Bureau, received by Census Supervisor Charles O. Frye of this district. This will be a comforting assurance to the several hundred thousand who are believed to be contemplating application for the places.

It was emphatically stated at the bureau that the test will be an eminenty reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the twelfth census. It will consist of filling out a sample schedule of population from a description, in narrative form, of typical families; and, in the case of enumerators whose work will be in the rural districts, they will be called upon to fill out an additional sample schedule of agriculture. From information furnished by the Census Bureau.

All persons, whether women or men, who may desire to become census enumerators must be citizens of the United States; residents of the supervisor's district for which they are to be appointed and should apply for their home borough, ward or township; must be not less than 18 or more than 70 years of age; must be physically able to do the work; must be trustworthy, honest and of good habits; must have at least an ordinary education and must be able to write plainly and with reasonable rapidity.

Those who can comply with these requirements are invited to put in their applications, as there will be at least 68,000 enumerators' places to be filled by the middle of March in preparation of the enumeration beginning April 15.

Application forms, with full instructions of filling-in, and complete information concerning the test and the method of appointment, can be secured by writing to the supervisor of census for the supervisor's district in which the applicant lives. All applications, properly filled-in must be filed with the supervisors not later than January 25 as any received after that date cannot be considered.

Card of Thanks

We desire to extend and express our appreciation of the kindness and sympathy of friends and neighbors toward us in our recent bereavement, in the death of our beloved nephew, Albert Miller.

110t1p Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCoy.

A Costing Accident

Two boys at Washington sustained a broken leg each in a coasting accident on the street there Saturday, Melvin Naser and Clinton Ault, who ran into a horse and buggy occupied by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Delaney. The latter was also somewhat bruised but was not seriously injured.

Cars Held up by Effect of Snow

Trolly Line Breaks Near Eldora and Passengers Have to Transfer.

Cars on the Pittsburg-Charleroi line were considerably delayed this morning, and the service much tied up from the heavy snow. At the Summit switch, near Eldora, the first car south, from Pittsburg, jumped the track and for a few hours delayed traffic. Several rods south of this point the snow on the trolley wire caused it to break, and for about 100 feet was down. This necessitated the transfering of passengers.

GREEN IS CONFIDENT

Says That He is a Sure Winner in Pennsylvania and Ohio

From a letter received by a friend in this valley of William Green, the candidate for National president of the United Mine Workers, there is evidence given that Green was elected president to succeed T. L. Lewis, the present incumbent.

Mr. Green says that from figures received from this State in the recent election, he carried Central Pennsylvania by 8,000 majority, and the Pittsburg district by 5,000 majority. Out of the 13,000 votes tabulated in Ohio he is leading, according to his letter, by a substantial majority. In Illinois he is also leading, as near as can be learned, but he is of the opinion that the final count will prove that the vote there is very close. In the anthracite region Mr. Green stated there was 50 per cent less of a vote than a year ago, and that would indicate that Lewis had lost nearly his entire strength. Summing all up, Mr. Green says that he feels very much encouraged as the indications point to his election by a substantial majority.

Old Kentucky Takes Well

The Coyle Theatre was packed to its fullest capacity on Saturday night by persons anxious to see "Old Kentucky," produced by the Burns Amusement company. The play was a good one, in which there was some superb acting. Many other towns were unable to secure shows, and Manager Coyle received many congratulations for his efforts in getting a good company here for Christmas Day. The matinee also largely drew a full house.

Glee Club Holiday Tour

Harold Smith, a member of the Washington and Jefferson College Glee Club, left this morning, to join the club in its holiday tour. The club will appear in four places, Steubenville, Ohio, Chester, W. Va., Butler and Crafton. Smith sings first tenor. Karl Keffer, Jr., another member of the club, will leave later for Steubenville, where he will join the club. "Keff" sings second bass

Dressmaking done at 906 Shady avenue. 106t4p

BAD MEN GET INTO FRACAS

One Man Tries to Chase Other Out of Borough, But Fails

Mike Coskolaski, who is regarded as a bad man in police circles, stepped into the limelight last nig t, when he tried to chase Joe Bunochok of Pittsburg, bearing a reputation similar to that of the doughty Mike's, out of town. The chaser failed to chase, however, and as result of the fracas between the two and several friends, Mike received a severe cut across one of his hands. Both were arrested. Mike left a forfeit of $25 and Joe $7.00, as an evidence of good faith to appear again.

The affair happened at Tenth street and McKean avenue. Joe came up yesterday from Pittsburg to spend the day with friends. Mike found it out, and decided to do real bad things, because at one time he had been scared out of Pittsburg by the said Joe. Accordingly he went after the latter.

Big knives were pulled, it is stated, but before the damage intended could be done, the bunch was looked up by the police. It is said that Mike about six years ago cut up a man here, and nearly caused his death.

VALUATION OF SPEERS BOROUGH ESTIMATED IN ASSESSOR'S RETURNS

Speers borough shows a gain in the amount of property taxable for county purposes, according to the triennial assessment of $23,390. C. K. Chalfant is the assessor and it took him only eight and one-half days to perform his duty. His full report follows: Taxables, 102; number of acres of timber land, 10; number of acres of surface, 512 1-2, valued at $63,350; seventy-five acres of coal, $39,000 or $500 per acre; houses and lots, $83,750; total real estate, $166,100; occupations, $8,895; thirty-one horses and mules, $1,355; twenty cows, $600; total amount of property taxable for county purposes, $177,450; money at interest, $25,900.

Three years ago the report for Speers was as follows: Taxables, 113; 510 acres of surface, $45,500; four acres of coal and surface, $1,600; seventy-eight acres of coal, $35,800; houses and lots, $59,235; total value of real estate, $142,815; occupations, $10,155; thirty-two horses and mules, $2,685; twenty one cows, $635; total amount of property taxable for county purposes, $154,060; money at interest, $29,480.

EXCITING RUNAWAY; BUT LITTLE DAMAGE

A delivery wagon belonging to the Charleroi City Grocery was somewhat damaged on Friday afternoon, when the horse hitched to it ran away. The horse started on Long alley, and coming out past the Mail building turned up Fifth street at a full gallop. The wagon almost overturned in front of the Wilbur Hotel, but the animal continued. At Carson's Grocery on Fifth street, there was a delivery wagon standing. At this point the runaway horse swerved, but not enough to avoid the Carson wagon. The wagon of the Charleroi City Grocery was overturned, and somewhat damaged. The horse stopped, and was taken to the stable. The Carson wagon was uninjured.

Got More Coal Lands

The largest coal deal of the year was closed at Pittsburg a few days ago, when Rembrant Peale of Peale, Peacock and Kerr of New York sold to John H. Jones of Pittsburg and his brother, D. G. Jones, of Canonsburg, 6,000 acres of coking coal land in the Fairmont district of West Virginia. The purchase price was more than $2,000,000.

Notice

A Christmas tree and treat, together with an entertainment for the children of the members of the Charleroi Turn Verein, will be held at Turner Hall Tuesday evening, December 28, at 8 o'clock. 110t2

$15,000 FOR THE WIDOWS

Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company Assisting in Providing for Families

The Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company has sent out checks aggregating nearly $15,000 to the widows and orphans of the miners who lost their lives in the fatal explosion at Marianna a little over a year ago. They came as real Christmas greetings to the poor families and helped to lighten many hearts that had been made heavy by the loss of the bread-winners of the families. There was also conveyed in the letter that accompanied each gift the message that they had not been overlooked during this season when everyone wishes everyone else a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

The letter enclosed with each check, which was for $100 for each widow, was signed by James Johns, John H. Jones, Thomas P. Jones, David G. Jones, H. P. Jones, M. M. Jones and E. F. Miller, who are at the head of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company.

These gifts of the company are exclusive of the $100,000 which has been given to the widows, orphans and dependents during the past year. The company has been providing for them and there is not a single suit growing out of a death in the mines of the concern now pending.

CRIME CHARGED TO BLACK HAND

Battisto Dalesandro, a wealthy Italian merchant of Washington, is in the hospital with probably fatal wounds inflicted, the police say, by a Black Hand agent who struck the man down when he refused a large amount of money. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of John Cantafy of Washington, an Italian leader and proprietor of a pool room, and for a trange Italian known as Antonio Folle.

The attack upon Dialesandro, member of the firm of V. J. Dalesandro and Brothers, was made in an Italian barber shop shortly before noon on Christmas and the wounds were inflicted with a razor picked up in the shop. The strange Italian, Folle, is said to have wielded the weapon. Just what part Cantafy played in the affair is not definitely known. The officers say they believe he cooperated with outside Black Hand operators, because of his alleged jealousy of Dalesandro.

Witnesses say Dalesandro was held in a barber's chair while being slashed. Dalesandro's face and throat were laid open and several arteries were severed. He almost bled to death before medical aid could be secured.

Well Known Couple Married Christmas

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Coats, 220 Fallowfield, on Saturday afternoon, occurred the wedding of Miss Rosella Coates and Mr. William T. Borgman, both of Charleroi. The ceremony was performed at 10 o'clock by Rev. H. C. Boblitt, pastor of the First Christian church, the ring ceremony being used. The couple will reside in Charleroi.

Mrs. Frances A. Linn

One of the best known women in Monongahela, and prominent in work of a charitable nature, Mrs. Frances Allen Linn, widow of Dr. George A. Linn, died at 3 o'clock Sunday morning at her home in that place. Apoplexy was the cause of death, Mrs. Linn having been stricken last Thursday morning and never regaining consciousness

Mrs Linn leaves one daughter, Mrs. Hannah A. Swaney, of Monongahela, with whom she made her home. A twin sister, Mrs. S. B. Bentley, of Donora, the last member of the family of 11 children, also survives.

Funeral services in charge of the Rev. W. F. McKee, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Linn home the interment, to be made in the Monongahela cemetery.

CHARLEROI ENJOYS BIGGEST CHRISTMAS IN ITS HISTORY

300 Coke Ovens are Fired at Braznell

Bentleyville Region Becoming One of Most Prosperous Communities in County.

Fire has been placed in 150 of the 300 new coke ovens recently constructed at Braznell. The washer which is being constructed at the same point is nearing completion. All the coal from the mines between Bentleyville and Monongahela will be grouped at Braznell.

WOULDN'T GO WHEN TOLD

Hence Colored Woman Will Be Held for Court Trial

Mrs. Susie Nelson, a colored woman, was taken to jail this morning by Officer David Mathers, to await action on charges of adultery and larceny, for which she was held at a hearing Saturday before Justice of the Peace Rice. Information was made by Chief of Police Albright. Mrs. Nelson was caught in the Walton Lumber yard on November 27 with a white man, and when arrested paid a fine. On December 11 she was arrested for robbing a man of a scarf pin, and paid a fine, besides giving back the pin. At both times she was [illegible] Friday evening she was caught with a white man in the rear of Calvert's pop shop at about 9:30. She had relieved him of about $20. He was intoxicated, and was arrested along with her. It is understood that Mrs. Nelson will plead guilty to the court.

NO FUNDS RECEIVED BY A. M. E. CHURCH FOR RELIEF OF WOMAN

To the Mail: Reports having been circulated that money was received by St. James A. M. E. church from the Charleroi Relief Committee for the benefit of Mrs. Fanny Lewis, and never turned over for that purpose, we wish to state that such is not the case. Not knowing anything about the matter although active in the management of the church affairs, we communicated with Wm. Gelder this morning in regard to the matter, and he informs us that no money was ever paid over from the fund of which he is treasurer to our church for the benefit of Mrs. Lewis. We make this statement in order to set the public aright in the matter.

Geo. W. Turner, trustee,
John F. Webster, trustee,
G. G. Skinner, pastor.

Night School

Six full months for $20 and books free. This is the special Holiday Offer made by the Douglas Business College, and will be withdrawn after Jan. 3, 1910. Courses in Shorthand, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, English and Civil Service. Many young people who accepted our offer a year ago are now holding good positions. 110t1

Churches Hold Pleasing Entertainments in Celebrating Day

POSTOFFICE BEATS RECORD

More Packages and Post Cards Handled than During any Previous Year

Charleroi enjoyed the biggest Christmas in the history of its existance if the giving of gifts is taken into consideration. It was one of the happiest days, too, and everything tended to make the Christmas spirit reign supreme. The day was one of the rare Christmas days, with the ground covered with snow, and the weather man dishing out more of the beautiful white.

The churches which held their Christmas exercises on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday were all well packed, and each with its special program indicative of the day, provided entertainment for numbers. Churches holding their exercises yesterday were the First Presbyterian, the Lutheran and the Baptist. At the First Presbyterian the music, under the direction of Prof. I. T. Daniel, was the special feature. At the Lutheran there was a Christmas tree, brilliantly illuminated. Both of these had exercises at night by the children. At the Baptist there was a program of music last night in which the choir took a prominent part. The Christian church held their exercises on Friday evening, and gave the treat. On Saturday the Catholic churches of town held special masses with appropriate services, and all the pomp and solemnity of the church were shown. St. Mary's Episcopal church held special services on Christmas morning, at 8 and 10:30 o'clock, and the French Presbyterian held their Christmas exercises by the children on Christmas evening.

The postoffice probably did a larger business than at any time in its history. More packages and post cards as well, were handled than at any previous year. It would be practically impossible to determine with any degree of accuracy at this time the sum total of the business done, but it greatly surpassed that of any other year, as far as can be determined. The express office was overtaxed during the few days prior to, and Christmas Day.

The holiday celebration will continue in a way all this week.

On Tuesday evening the Turn Verein will have their usual treat, and entertainment for the children and some of the churches will especially observe the week.

No Crowd, No Match

There was no boxing show at the Coyle Theatre as scheduled Friday night between Solly Stroup and Kid Tyler, owing to the fact there was not a large enough crowd on hand to pay the expense. There were to have been two preliminaries between local boxers.

Class Honors Teacher

The Anchor Class of the First Christian church, presented a fine Oxford Bible to their teacher, Mrs. H. C. Boblitt, on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Rossom me spent Saturday and Sunday in Greensburg with relatives and friends.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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Criminal Carelessness.

The following from the Washington Observer, which is in line with previous admonitions given by the Mail, is particularly timely just now. The open gas stove and grate are a deadly menace in every home, and their maintainance is little short of criminal carelessness. The Observer says:

"Recently a little child was burned to death in one of the towns of Washington county. Her clothes had caught at an open grate. A newspaper published in that town assures the public that the parents are "prostrated with grief."

"This is not the first tragedy of the kind to happen in this county. Several have occurred within the past few years. Neither are such sad fatalities peculiar to this county. Two were reported in one day last week from Kittanning. They are a reproach to our boasted civilization.

"Being 'prostated with grief' after the burning of a little child at an open grate is hardly a sufficient punishment for the parents or other careless persons responsible.

"Fire screens can be purchased in any hardware store. They do not cost much. The open fire places in every home where little children are a part of the family should be equipped with these screens. It would be no serious infringement of our "personal liberty" if the law compelled every householder to attach them to all open grates.

"Coroner Heffran can do much to prevent the recurrence of these heart-rending tragedies. Whenever one occurs he should make a thorough investigation and if anyone is guilty of gross carelessness his jury should recommend their indictment. A few convictions of parents who are criminally negligent will go a long ways towards preventing such horrible domestic tragedies in the future."

The expenditure of perhaps a dollar and a quarter for a screen would have perhaps prevented the family referred to from being "prostrated with grief." It is good luck rather than carefulness that prevents more such accidents.

Worth Considering

Hon. Edward Callaghan's suggestion that the flat at the mouth of Maple creek be transformed into a lake, and with the adjoining woodland along the Lincoln avenue extension be utilized for a park, is worthy of consideration. The plan seems perfectly feasible, and after the first cost of acquiring the property the lake and grounds could be constructed at a cost that need not be burdensome. With sufficient means a landscape gardener and engineer could transfer what is now an unsightly section into one of the most beautiful parks in the country.

It will certainly do no harm to investigate this proposition and ascertain: First, if the project can be engineered and financed anywhere within the bounds of reason; second, if the ground is available, and third, if the public is sufficiently interested to warrant the undertaking. While there may be unforeseen obstacles to such a project, it looks good on the face of it, and should be investigated.

On Their Merits

The instructions to Census Supervisor Frye, published elsewhere in this issue, will be interesting reading to those who intend to make application for appointment as enumerators. From these instructions it will be learned that all enumerators must appear at a certain date and take an examination as to qualifications for the position. This is not in the nature of a competitive examination, but for the purpose of establishing a standard. Those who fail to come up to this standard cannot be appointed, no matter what political influence might be exerted in their behalf.

This is the first time such a requirement has been exacted from enumerators. In past years these appointments have been considered as political plums, and were used to strengthen the fences of the various Congressmen. This time, however, every effort is made to keep the census out of politics, and to appoint all officials and enumerators strictly on their merits. The examinations to be held here for enumerators are open to all, and any who come up to the required standard can make application. The appointments will be made strictly upon their merits.

The Personal Element

Whether or not the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company is "The Biggest Ever," as some newspapers in the county are inclined to doubt, the men who compose it have their hearts in the right place. On Christmas, for instance, they mailed a check for $100 to each of the widows of the victims of the disaster at their Marianna mine about a year ago. The aggregate of this gift was $15,000. In addition the Jones Brothers, who compose the company, have expended $100,000 caring for the widows and orphans of the victims, and not a single suit for damages has been filed against the company as a result of the disaster.

The Pittsburg-Buffalo company is really a big corporation, if not "The Biggest Ever," but in the making of it the personality of its promoters has not been lost sight of. It is the one big concern that keeps tab on the personal element of its workers, and for that reason the relations of employers and employed are closer than any of the others.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

'Tis a funny thing this Christmas giving. But it's always sure to make some persons happy.

Some people down in Carrol township say, "we want a new polling place." Others say "we don't want a new polling place." Now, what is a fellow to do?

If they abolish football in this country, people will go to Mexico to see the bull fights. The lesser of the two evils should be chosen.

The easiest thing to do is to remember things that some other fellow has said about us, which is not to our credit.

The Christmas rush in the mails may conveniently be blamed for a large assortment of mishaps nowadays.

Christmas is usually pictured pictured as cold as blazes, and with a white covering on the ground. As a reminder of what it is supposed to be, as well as a suggestion of the nature of the Christmas spirit we would suggest that people read "Snowbound" on that day.

The Sheep Hill Philisopher surmises that a person's advice would never fit himself.

Monessen boasts that while it receives all kinds and natures of outside trade, it does not send any out of town. From the way people came to Charleroi the past week, bearing all the evidences of being compelled to acknowledge that place across the creek their abode, we would surmise differently.

While we have had a ringing of sleighbells in our ears for more than a week, we are yet to see a sleigh, or sled.

The celebration of Christmas will soon be forgotten in the woes of a celebration of the Fourth of July.

Many people think a school teacher has no business getting married. The same persons believe that if a teacher doesn't have the appearance of a real old maid, she is absolutely no good.

The happiest time of the year for some people is not Christmas.

Over at institute last week Cupid, the ornery little cuss, is charged with creating all kinds of havoc. Apparently the kind of havoc he created, however, was the lasting kind.

Roupe

Virginia J. Roupe, 18 months old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Roupe of North Charleroi, died at the home at 11 o'clock last evening. The funeral will be from the home at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Interment in the Charleroi cemetery.

MISSED ONE POINT.

The Lady Told Him What More He Could Have Said.

"I am going to tell you the truth about yourself," he said.

"Go on," said the young and ambitious actress.

"I have in my time had rare opportunities to observe beautiful, graceful and talented women, and I violate no confidence in saying that you are the queen of them all. You unite in your lovely person that peculiar magnetism which lays audiences at your feet. Your genius, shining through all the deficiencies of stagecraft, enables you to triumph over every obstacle. So supreme are you that you have the right to rise above all conventionalities, to marry, to love, to discard whom you please, and no one will dare to criticise. Your work will live. You are the very personification of the highest art. United with this your perfection of beauty gives you the just title to a lasting fame."

"Is all that true?" she asked softly.

"Absolutely. Would you have me say more? What more could I say?"

She sighed.

"You might," she answered, "have mentioned my clothes and my figure."—Puck.

Disinterested.

Lord Monboddo, an eminent member of the Scotch judiciary and one of the clear cut figures in Boswell's immortal "Life of Johnson," was a great beau in his youth and in his later years a brilliant and learned if whimsical man.

He was a friend of the Garricks and one day was their guest at their villa at Hampton Court when Hannah More was also visiting there. They were walking together in the garden when his lordship astonished the fair and sprightly Hannah by a declaration of love and an offer of his heart and hand. Meeting with a positive refusal, he soon returned to the house and made a clean breast of it to Mrs. Garrick.

"I am very sorry for this refusal," he said in conclusion. "I should have liked so much to teach that nice girl Greek."

Our Languages.

What a lot of languages we talk, even if we talk only English! I was assailed by a man across the lunch eon table with a language about a cup tie final and confessed that it was quite unintelligible. Then another man talked about golf, which is another language. And then the woman's language elbows these columns. "The Countess —— wore a sea green cloth skirt with a bolero of the same color and a white marabou stole, and a black taffeta bow garnished her huge hat of burnt tagel straw." It is a fine example of women's slang. But to the man it means nothing—but expense.—London Outlook.

He Got the Chair.

On a very hot afternoon a number of around town chaps who didn't seem to have much to do were lounging in the chairs in front of a leading hotel. Several traveling men came out of the hotel and, finding all of the chairs occupied, looked and spoke things that wouldn't go well in polite society.

"Let's dump a few of them out," suggested one.

"Hold on a minute," replied another. "Watch me get a chair." With that he walked over to one of the loungers and in the most courteous way said: "Will you please tell me whether that is a drug store across the street?"

"No," replied the lounger; "that's a bank."

"Oh, is it? Well, say, what is that nice big building just down the street there, two corners away?"

"That's the postoffice," was the reply.

"You live in this charming city then?" asked the drummer.

"I do," said the lounger.

"Well, then," replied the traveling man, "I'm a guest at this hotel and paying for accommodations. Suppose you get up and give me that chair."

He got the chair.—Kansas City Journal.

Too Pressing.

"And did you enjoy your African trip, major? How did you like the savages?"

"Oh, they were extremely kind hearted! They wanted to keep me there for dinner."—London Opinion.

Advantage is a better soldier than rashness.—Shakespeare.

Her Answer.

An Atchison girl had a proposal of marriage and asked a week to think it over. She went to all of her married sisters. One, who used to be a belle, had three children, did all her own work and hadn't been to the theater or out riding since she was married. Another, whose husband was a promising young man at the time she was married, was supporting him. A third didn't dare say her life was her own when her husband was around, and a fourth was divorced. After visiting them and hearing their woes the heroine of this little tale went home, got pen, ink and paper and wrote an answer to the young man. You may think it was refusing him, but it wasn't. She said she could be ready in a month.—Atchison Globe.

Faith, Hope and Charity.

A London weekly offered 2 guineas for a definition of faith, hope and charity. The winner is as follows: Faith, blind trust in a first page; hope, what investors are fed upon; charity, what some of them are likely to be brought to.

That is certainly not bad, but this one is perhaps even better: Faith, the gift that saves mankind; hope, the gift that cheers mankind; charity, the gift that makes man kind.

—Last Call—

This is the Last Week of Our Closing Out Sale

PIANOS AT YOUR OWN TERMS AND PRICES

This is the last week of our store in Charleroi. The stock must be closed. The store is for rent and the fixtures are for sale. You can practically buy pianos at your own price and upon your own terms. These are not pianos shipped in here with which to hold a 'hurry up sale'—but are our regular stock. **Chickerings, Hardmans, Knabes, Esteys, Price and Teeples,** and a dozen other makes, of the world's best pianos, that are being closed out rather than ship them elsewhere.

Come in at once and See What a Bargain You Can Get

W. F. Frederick Music Co.

J. J. KING, Manager, Charleroi, Pa.

A Barber and Poet.

Jasmin, the Gascon poet, who was also a barber, was once visiting the mayor of a French town and had promised to give an informal recitation to the townspeople. The hour arrived, but his host did not appear. Several important personages assembled to accompany them to the hall, but the mayor remained invisible, busied with his toilet. Finally, fearing the impatience of his guests, he opened the door of his chamber to apologize and showed his face covered with lather.

"Just a moment," said he. "I am finishing my shaving."

"Oh," said Jasmin, "let me help you."

He at once doffed his coat, gave a finishing touch to the razor and shaved the mayor in a twinkling with what he called his "hand of velvet." In a few minutes he was in the hall receiving tumultuous applause for his splendid recitations.

A Fearless Prince.

Victor Emmanuel when prince royal held the rank of colonel in a regiment of artillery, and Humbert I. was on the throne. A new explosive had been invented, and the young prince was invited to be present at some experiments that were to be made with it. At the first shot the cannon being used burst with terrific force, scattering pieces of metal in every direction, but luckily not seriously injuring any one. Nevertheless the natural impulse to fly from danger seized officers and experts alike, and off they rushed with more unanimity than dignity. Only Victor Emmanuel remained at his post. He watched them for a moment and then in a quiet tone of kingly tenor, called them back.

"No use running now," he said, with a ghost of a smile playing about his lips. "All danger is over."

The Size She Wanted.

The woman went in the bookstore and asked for a globe.

"What size do you want?" asked the clerk, turning one on its pivot for her to look at the various and sundry countries in pink and blue.

"I think," said the woman, "that you may give me one life size."—New York Times.

Poor Stuff.

The Servant—You got cheated when you bought that chiny vase, mum. The Mistress—How cheated? The Servant—Why, it's weak. It busted all to smash the first time I dropped it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wanted Her.

"An old couple from the east," says the Detroit Free Press, "are visiting their son in this city. If the mother gets out of sight of the father, he is constantly asking for her and is not content till they are together again. The other evening she went to another part of the house while he was in the parlor and after he had asked for her a half dozen times the son said, rather curtly:

"'It seems as though you couldn't be without mother five minutes at a time.'

"'You're right,' said the old gentleman slowly. 'That's the reason I married her.'"

Do the truth you know and you shall learn the truth you need to know.—MacDonald.

Caution Extraordinary.

"You have a night key?"

"Of course," answered Mr. Meekton, "only I'm so careless that Henrietta keeps it locked up in the safety deposit so that I won't lose it."—Washington Star.

Amateurish.

"Am I the first girl you ever kissed?"

"You are—I swear it!"

"I accept your apology."—Cleveland Leader.

A Rural Enoch Arden.

"In our little town in a western state," said Brown, "there was a half witted sort of fellow named Bill Wilkes. One day Bill took to the railroad tracks and never reappeared for about six years. In the meantime his wife, Bettie, took in washing and supported the family. One day Bill came back. He went around to the kitchen door, softly opened it, stuck in his head and said, 'Boo, Bettie.' Bettie turned around from her washtub. 'Te, he,' said Bill; 'I scared ye, didn't I, Bettie?' Whenever I see a stage husband return to his family I think of Bill's greeting after six years' absence, 'Boo, Bettie; I scared ye, didn't I?'"—New York Times.

Pleasant While It Lasted.

He listened inten . It was his wife and her mother g.

"No, my dear," the latter was saying, "I must go tomorrow. I do not believe in a mother-in-law making long visits. But, before I go, I want to tell you what a treasure I think you have gained in your husband. He seems to me to be near perfection. Are you sure, however, that you are not too strict with him? Do not be quick to chide him when he stays out late. Men need a little latitude, you know—say two or three times a week."

The man stirred uneasily in his sleep. It seemed so real; but, alas, it was a dream!

A Light Diet.

A certain father who is fond of putting his boys through natural history examinations is often surprised by their mental agility. He recently asked them to tell him "what animal is satisfied with the least nourishment."

"The moth!" one of them shouted confidently. "It eats nothing but holes."—Youth's Companion.

Cordial and Confidential.

"How did you get along with Mamie's father?"

"Fine. He said it was all right before I asked him. And then he asked me if I didn't know a few more likely young fellows who would take the rest of his girls."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Painful Ailment.

Though gout is generally reckoned a disease of rich men and free livers, one of the worst of sufferers from it was a well known English minister who died not long ago.

A friend once said to him, "Dr. So-and-so, what is gout like?"

The clergyman smiled sadly. "If you put your hand in a vise," he said, "and let a man press as hard as he can, that is rheumatism, and if he can be got to press a little harder, that is gout."

Why He Came Back.

"Wasn't you here a few weeks ago?" asked the woman of the house at the back door.

"Yes'm," replied the wanderer, "but I understood from a pal that you've got a new pastry cook since then!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Wearing Work.

"How's your husband doing?" said the pale woman.

"'Bout the same," answered the thin woman.

"Hasn't he got any regular work yet?"

"Yes. He said he felt the need of some steady occupation. So he thought he'd make it his business to wind the clock."

"Did he stick to it?"

"For awhile, but now he's kicking for an eight day clock."—Kansas City Independent.

The Bishop's Rebuke.

A conceited young cleric once said to an American prelate, "Do you not think that I may well feel flattered that so great a crowd came to hear me preach?"

"No," was the answer, "for twice as many would come to see you hanged."—From "The Old Time Parson," by P. H. Ditchfield, M. A.

Investment and Speculation.

When any one is buying a coat or a fishing rod or a rose tree or laying down a cellar or setting up a library, either he knows what he wants, where to get it and what to pay for it or else he takes earnest counsel with his friends and with the most trustworthy professional advisers that he can find and uses all the wits that he and others can bring to bear on the subject in order to make sure that his purchase is prudently conducted. He attends sales, rummages in shops and discusses the matter in his club until he and it are voted a nuisance. If only half as much time and trouble were devoted to the careful selection of investments there would be fewer bad companies, unscrupulous promoters and ornamental directors, the world would be very much richer, and its riches would show less tendency to gravitate into questionable hands.—Cornhill Magazine.

The Good Time.

Frequently you hear a rich man abused because he stays on the job that made him rich instead of spending his time gadding about the earth in search of a good time. But it is hardly fair to assume that avarice and greed prompt such action or even that it is a lack of faith in humanity. Very likely the work done represents the good time for the man who stays at it after all need of work has passed, for it is certain that there are many ideas of what constitutes happiness, and the man who selects loafing is apt to change his mind in time if he tries it. Doing nothing is harder than work, and if a man has spent many years at work, earning little of play, work brings him more enjoyment than the butterfly existence.—Atchison Globe.

When Children Smoked.

In the seventeenth century in England the practice of juvenile smoking was almost universal, at least according to Jorevin de Rochefort, a French traveler of that period. In an account published in 1671 he gives a description of an evening he spent in Worcester. He was catechized by one of the townsmen as to the habits of the French people. "While we were walking about the town," he writes, "he asked me if it was the custom in France as in England that when the children went to school they carried in their satchel with their books a pipe of tobacco, which their mother took care to fill early in the morning, instead of breakfast, and that at the accustomed hour every one laid aside his book to light his pipe, the master smoking with them and teaching them how to hold their pipes and draw in their tobacco, thus accustoming them to it from their youth, believing it absolutely necessary for a man's health."

A Fixed Law.

"You are positive this happened on Tuesday?" demanded counsel.

"I am," said the witness.

"Sure it was Tuesday?"

"Yes."

"Why not Thursday or Friday?"

"Because we had chicken that day. Chicken day is Tuesday where I board."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Cook's Declension.

The cook picked up an egg. She looked at it doubtfully.

"It's bad," she said.

She dropped it.

"It's worse!" she hastily added.—Exchange.

Not Acting.

Actor—All the newspapers say my impersonation of Caesar last night was absolutely real. Rival—Perhaps that's so. Everybody I've met says it certainly wasn't acting.

Preserve your just relations to other men. Their misconduct does not affect your duties.—Epictetus.

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Work on the new Sprowl road from Peterman's Hill, north of Beallsville to Bentleyville, has been discontinued for the winter, and those employed have returned to their homes to spend the winter. Piper and Hastings will be at Charleroi; W. K. Reed, State engineer, at Washington, and Samuel McNulty, engineer for the contractors, has secured employment at Marianna.

The new road is entirely completed through Bentleyville, and much grading, and other work has been done to the remaining part. The road will be completed during the early summer.

This road has been known as one of the worst in the county for several years, but when completed it will be one of the best. During former winters the road was in such a condition that it was nearly impassible, and roads had to be made through the fields.

The work on the improvement of the old National pike is still progressing and the work is being pushed at present.

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"Smith got off a bright thing the other day."

"What was it?"

"A lighted cigar some one had carelessly dropped into the chair he sat on."—London Fun.

Disgusted.

Loafer the First—I thought this yere unemployed fund was for charity.

Loafer the Second—So it is, ain't it?

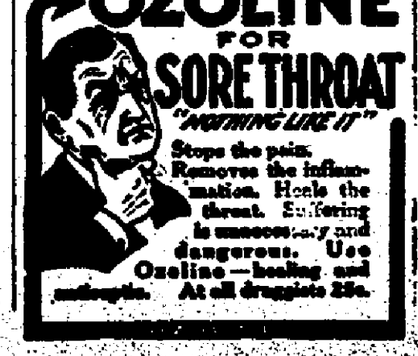
Loafer the First—It ain't. It means work.—London Sketch.

Ham With Jelly.

Melt in a saucepan a large tablespoonful of butter and half a glass of currant or other acid jelly. Shake in a little pepper and when hot lay in four or five small thin slices of boiled, cold ham. Let it boil up once and serve quickly on toast.—Boston Post.

Too Much.

Doctor—Now, there is a very simple remedy for this—er—this—er—recurring thirst. Whenever you feel you want a whisky and soda, just eat an apple—eat an apple. Patient—But—a—fancy eating fifty or sixty apples a day!—London Punch.



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LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Boesman of Blairsville visited the latter's sister, Mrs. E. B. Walters, yesterday.

Miss Grace Johns and William Newton attended the Nixon theatre at Pittsburg Saturday.

Miss Tressa Brady and Carl Behrendt attended the Nixon theatre at Pittsburg Saturday.

Earl Dean of Uniontown, spent Christmas in Charleroi the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Leroy Price, of Fallowfield avenue.

Mrs. Eugene Middekar was in Beaver Falls to spend Christmas with her parents.

Miss Agnes Thompson, the milliner at Berryman's store, has gone to Toledo, Ohio, for the winter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnett of Homestead spent Christmas in Charleroi, the guest of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Barnett, of Ninth street.

Misses Price and Blanche Frye are spending the day in Pittsburg with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swartzlander were Christmas visitors with relatives and friends in New Bethlehem.

Harry Smith is spending the holidays in Greene county with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Michener of Oakland were in Charleroi Saturday and Sunday to visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Wilson of Fairchance were visitors Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Darby of Fallowfield avenue.

Mrs. Donna M. Day and daughter, Mrs C. E. Miller, of Pittsburg, are visiting at the Hotel Arthur.

D. M. McCloskey, Esq., and R. S. Coyle went over to Connellsville yesterday in the former's touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Might of Fallowfield avenue left this morning for Meadville, where they will be the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Fred Miller.

Rev. A. N. Doak is transacting business today in Pittsburg.

Thomas Mosier and sister, Miss Sena Mosier, are spending the day in Pittsburg.

Mrs. John Hudspith and son are Pittsburg visitors today.

Rev. W. D. Slease of Sharon was in Charleroi yesterday to fill the pulpit for Rev. A. M. Doak at the M. E. church. In the evening Rev. Doak preached at the Belle Vernon Methodist church.

Ed. Werle was in Pittsburg Sunday spending the day with friends and relatives.

Harry Hormell spent Sunday afternoon in Brownsville the guest of friends.

F. E. Bonnell spent Christmas in Clarksville the guest of relatives and friends.

Lynn Furnier was a Sunday visitor in Elrama with friends.

John L. McDermott and Mr. and Mrs. G. May Hill of Homestead spent Christmas in Charleroi, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDermott of Crest avenue.

R. W. Bayne spent Christmas and Sunday in Waynesburg, with relatives and friends.

Patrick Carrol spent Sunday afternoon in California with friends.

Robison Rudcroft.

Robison Ruecroft, 32 years old, of Dunlevy, died this morning at 12:30 o'clock, after an extended illness of pulmonary tuberculosis. The funeral will be held from the late residence at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Interment in the Mt. Tabor cemetery. The deceased is survived by his mother, and four brothers. Ruecroft was a well known miner of Dunlevy, and his death is mourned by his many friends and acquaintances along the valley.

Classified Ads

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THE PILLORY.

An English Writer's Reflections Upon Public Punishment.

Perhaps one of the few really democratic institutions ever created was the pillory. I do not say that it was a humane institution, though it was certainly more humane than our system of silent imprisonment. But being humane has nothing to do with being democratic. You may have humane and inhumane democracies, just as you may have humane and inhumane despots.

The point is that the pillory was a real appeal to the people. If it was cruel it was because the people were cruel or perhaps justly indignant. The people threw dead cats (the less humanitarian, I believe, threw live cats); but they could throw bouquets and crowns of laurel if they liked. Sometimes they did. The argument about the old public punishments cuts both ways. The publicity was an additional risk for the government as well as an additional risk for the prisoner, and this is specially true of the executions for treason. It was no small thing that half a million men might possibly treat as a martyr a man whom the king was treating as a murderer, that the prince had to concede to every obscure ruffian exactly what that ruffian probably wanted most—fame.—G. K. Chesterton in London News.

COLOR WORDS.

Red Seems to Be the Favorite With Most of the Great Writers.

Upon tabulating the words used by Shakespeare referring to colors it is revealed that out of every hundred color words thirty may be classed as red. Next follow twenty-two white, twenty black, seventeen yellow, seven green and only four blue. Thus Shakespeare's favorite color word was red, and investigation will show that this is the characteristic color of nearly all great writers. For instance, it is the color word most often employed by Tennyson.

In all great works of human interest red predominates, as it is the color of the very strongest of our passions and impulses—the color of hot blood. There is no color so warm, so full of joy and life, so overflowing with vitality.

Red is the color of glowing iron—of heat and passion. In nature red hastens the growth of trees, while at the same time it quickens all rotting and decay. Plans grown under red glass will grow four times as quickly as under white light, and grow to four times their usual height.

Red in excess has an evil effect. For example, an excess of red light makes one irritable and nervous. In excess red produces homicidal mania—the desire to kill. The effect of red upon various animals is well known, it having the power of enraging the bull, the tiger and the turkey.—London Scraps.

Transparent Rhubarb.

To be made day before using. Cut rhubarb into pieces one-half inch long. Spread on plates and sprinkle with sugar, allowing one-half cupful of sugar to each cupful of fruit. Let all stand overnight. In the morning pour off the juice and boil for ten minutes, drop in the rhubarb, a small portion at a time, and cook until tender. Remove from the sirup as soon as done to preserve shape. Put in a pretty dish.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Underweight.

Brown—That coal dealer of ours got just what was coming to him. Town—How? Brown—Married a girl the other day, thinking that he was getting 140 pounds and got only 98.—St. Louis Times.

An Author's Initials.

Initials are sometimes the resort of the writer who is anxious to conceal his identity, and a glance through any one of the 700 volumes that comprise the catalogue of the British museum reading room will discover some strange instances. A theological book, entitled "Inquiry Into the Meaning of Demoniacks in the New Testament," is attributed to T. P. A. P. O. A. B. I. C. O. S. Its real author was a certain Arthur Sykes, and the initials reveal his position as "the precentor and prebendary of Alton Borealis in the church at Salisbury."—London Chronicle.

Nietzsche and the Invalid.

An invalid lady who often met Nietzsche found him the gentlest, kindest and most sympathetic of men. He "implored her with tears in his eyes not to read his books." Such was his knowledge of women that he was thunderstruck to find shortly afterward that the lady at once proceeded to read them all. He was further stupefied by the discovery that, having read them, she was utterly unmoved by the philosopher's unanswerable demonstrations that feeble persons like herself had no right to live and that women were distinguished by this, that and the other objectionable attribute. It must have been a blow to him.—London News.

How He Manages Her.

"How is it that your wife is so tractable?"

"Why, I told her when we were married that she could do just exactly as she pleased, and of course she finds no pleasure in doing it."—Chicago Post.

The Fighting Eel.

Bacon—Which do you think is the gamiest fish? Egbert—Well, the black bass is the gamiest to catch, but the eel is the gamiest when it comes to getting it off the hook.—Yonkers Statesman.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

The finer feelings are like the wind—men know not whence they come nor whither they go.—Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

Faith's Unconquerable Anchorage.

As long as sin and sorrow and death are in the world Christ, the Rock of Ages, will be the invincible anchorage of faith.—Rev. Dr. John E. White, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga.

An Influence in Religion.

A great influence in religion is the melancholy man. The men who have been in the torments of hell make the great poets and the great orators. We can't have depth without pain.—Rev. Dr. S. P. Cadman, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

On the Homespun Order.

Would that our lives in this modern age could be more on the homespun order! They would then stand untarnished the wear and tear, the temptations and trials of every day.—Dr. Charles Luther Kloss, Congregationalist, Philadelphia.

Redeeming Criminals.

The Son of Man valued law and its penalties as agencies for the redemption, not the destruction, of criminals. Christ abhorred crime, but he mingled with criminals in the hope of redeeming them.—Rev. James B. Clayton, Baptist, Washington.

Faith.

Have faith in God, for faith is sunshine, is strength, peace, food, drink, sleep. Faith is a mother's arms infolding her child. Faith is the helmsman at the wheel. Faith is the pole star which directs our course from shore to shore.—Rev. Dr. J. M. Zimmerman, Lutheran, Baltimore.

To Become an "Immortal."

How it ennobles our work when we realize that it is part of the great plan of God! By bringing our loftiest visions to bear upon the practical things of life we learn to do our best work and bring forth evidences of the divinity within us. Our work will not be merely for time, but for eternity. In that way we may become one of the "immortals."—Rev. J. W. Roberts, Congregationalist, New York.

Worldly Prosperity.

If religion cannot stand the closest scrutiny, throw it away, for it is no good. If God cannot stand the same test, then reject God. We cannot doubt God, for the blessing of his spirit is within us. The desire for worldly prosperity is the curse of the nation and of the church. We today mix up too much our worldly prosperity with religious victory. In fact, our idea of God has become worldly prosperity.—Rev. J. Howard Wells, Methodist Episcopal, Washington.

Best Seed to Sow.

The best kind of seed to sow is love true as a mother's, sympathy like an eternal spring, generosity whose hand cannot be closed, loyalty surpassing devotion to country, purity that rises with the mountain snow whiteness, truth as sure as the rising sun and as rich in helpfulness, charity that dispenses its gifts as the flower its fragrance, sacrifice that counts no cost and keeps near the cross, friendship that knows no superior save in Christ.—Rev. James A. Matheson, Presbyterian, Quincy, Mass.

Unity of Human Nature.

The unity of human nature is a fact of the gravest importance when we attempt to estimate the forces of the spiritual life. No faculty acts in isolation. The intellect acts upon and is acted upon by the conscience and the emotions. Wrongdoing disturbs the mental balance. Doubt grows on the soil of sinful indulgence. The consciousness of religious difficulties should lead us to greater carefulness of life. If we are full of doubts, then let us make as sure as we can that we have not blocked up by willful sin any window of the spirit.—Rev. H. Hersley Henson, Canon of Westminster Abbey, London.

Value of Experiences.

Every experience we pass through is to fit us to help others passing through a similar experience. Paul was a great sufferer, and to him we turn for words of comfort in affliction. So we in turn are to make our experiences a blessing to others. A traveler to the far west was stranded in St. Louis and so compelled to give up his purpose. But after much hardship he began to prosper and gathered a fortune. He knew what it was to be stranded on the way and to suffer disappointment. In his will he left a large sum to help stranded pilgrims west. Andrew Carnegie had a library opened to him when he was eager to learn, but without books. From that experience came his free libraries all over the country. These men made their experience work out for others' good, for it enabled them to appreciate others' needs and minister to it. Make an application of this principle today in your own life. You have your peculiar experiences. You have suffered pain. What sympathy you ought to have for sufferers! You have made your mistakes. What gentleness you ought to exercise toward those who err! You were discouraged, and some one helped you by a kind word. How ready you ought to be to speak a word of cheer! You have had your feelings hurt by criticism. How careful you ought to be for the feelings of others! You know the frightful stress of temptation. Why not lend a hand to the tempted? Have you found a Savior? Then how eager you ought to be to tell others of him! Do you thank God for your experiences because they help you to help others? That's part of the Christian life.—Rev. Park Hays Miller, Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

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The company coming to Pittsburg is unquestionably the largest operatic organization ever sent on tour, numbering over 300 people with the Boston Grand Opera Orchestra of 80, a corps de ballet of 50, chorus of 125 and over 50 principals.

The reportoire announced for eight performance will be as follows:

Monday, January 3rd, Verdi's spectacular Egyptian opera "Aida" in Italian.

Tuesday, January 4th, Delibes' florid East India opera "Lakme" in French.

Wednesday Matinee, January 5th, Wagner's world famed "Lohengrin" in German.

Wednesday evening, January 5th, Bizet's stirring French opera "Carmen" in French.

Thursday, January 6th, Puccini's Latin Quarter Opera "La Boheme" in Italian.

Friday, January 7th, Second performance of "Lakme" in French.

Saturday Matinee, January 8th, Puccini's flowery Japanese opera, "Madama Buterfly" in Italian.

Saturday evening, January 8th, Verdi's popular "Rigoletto" in Italian.

Seats are now on sale at Hamilton's music store, 531 Wood Street and prices will be $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $3.00, $4 00, and $5.00. All checks must be made payable to Boston Opera company. Mail orders with remittance will be filed at once as near as possible to location desired, and seats may be had at Hamilton's on and after December 27th.

JOE HORTIZ COMING TO COYLE THEATRE

Joe Hortiz one of the world's sweetest tenors and yodlers in his new play "Fritz The Wandering Musician" will again be the attraction at the Coyle theatre tomorrow evening, December 28. The play relates an interesting Kentucky love story. Fritz the heroic lover rescues his sweetheart Dolly Reddington from the wily intrigues of the fortune hunting villian, Donald Kingdon. Mr. Hortiz is a tenor of no small ability and sings himself into the hearts of all who hear him. He is favorably compared with the late Fritz Emmet who left behind him a most favorable and splendid reputation. Miss Anna Whitford as Doll Reddington, whom "Fritz" falls in love with is a dainty little lady and wins the hearts of her audience at every performance. Donald Kingdon the fortune hunting lover gets his just deserts from Fritz who foils his plotting at every turn. Rev. Napoleon Bonapart the colored evangelist and Dina Jones furnish some very unique and clever comedy during the action of the play. Little Valentine as "Tess" and the beautiful trained St. Bernard dogs Rex and Leo will delight the hearts of the children. Mr. Hortiz will during the play sing the "Fr a" Lullaby, Kilkenny, The Daisy Song and others.

Purse for Pastor

Last night Rev. J. H. Palmer, of the First Baptist church, was presented with a purse made up by the members of his congregation.

Party getting Stetson Stiff Hat with notary seal on band, in mistake at Methodist church Thursday night please exchange. Wm. Kenyon, 210 McKean avenue 110t1

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Odbert, and daughter Aline after spending Christmas in Beallsville have returned home.

PROPOSES SITE FOR PUBLIC PARK

Editor Mail: While it may in a certain sense be true, as you state in your editorial in the Mail, "That we have no natural groves available for a public park, "we have right at our doors what could be made with very little expense one of the most beautiful parks in the State of Pennsylvania. Beginning at the point where Maple creek flows into the Monongahea, at high water about 14 acres with its trees and shrubbery rivals in romantic beauty the famous lakes of Killarney. This could be made a permanent feature and a sufficient number of pleasure boats offer healthful exercise for the children. Then follow the Lincoln avenue extension from the edge of the lake to the end of the borough line you have ample ground for a park, large enough to afford a delightful boating place for the entire population of Charleroi, Monessen and Belle Vernon. You could have dozens of fountains spouting forth the sparkling waters of Maple creek. Of course there is one thing that mars the beauty of this lovely valley and that is the garbage plant, but I believe in time the city fathers will find a more secluded place for the furnace.

Apart from being made a pleasure ground this valley is the only inlet and outlet to and from the garden spot of Washington county. Take the trade that goes to Charleroi through this valley away from it, and you will find a slump in all lines of business. If the P. R. R. ever builds a new station it will be to their best interest to locate at the mouth of Maple creek. It will be the proper place also to put the new Government building. The natural formation of the place prevented the promoters of Charleroi from laying this vacant place off in 22 foot lots.

Let us take advantage of this Godsend and provide a park for the present and future generations of this t e most wonderful valley in the world.

Yours truly,
Edward Callaghan.

December 24, 1909.

INJURIES CAUSE AGED MAN'S DEATH

Alexander McMahon, 66 years old, one of the founders of Monessen, died Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock at his home in McMahon borough, from injuries received in an accident on November 22. At this time he was driving down Ninth street hill, Monessen, when his horse had an attack of the blind staggers, and the wagon lurched into a ravine precipitating the man over an embankment for a fall of several feet, and injuring him internally. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock when requiem high mass will be said over his remains at the St. Leonard's Catholic church, Monessen. He is survived by his wife, and 10 children, three sisters, and two brothers. A brother, William McMahon, lives in Charleroi and a sister, Mrs. Crow, in Fallowfield townhsip.

Mr. McMahon some time in the eighties founded the town of Fordham on the site of the present Monessen. Later he secured an option on 500 acres of land, and when the East Side Land company was formed, purchased ground on which to start the borough of Monessen, he was one of the Stockholders. He was instrumental in starting the borough of McMahon, and at the time of his death was recognized as one of the principal figures of that place. He was active in politics, and was burgess of McMahon.

Claysville People Evidence Pleasure

Last week's Claysville Recorder has the following to say of Rev. H. C. Boblitt, pastor of the First Christian church of Charleroi, who closed a series of evangelistic meetings there last week:

"The gospel meetings at the Christian church closed Wednesday evening. H. C. Boblitt, who assisted the pastor, John Mulladay, is a strong man in evangelistic work. He is a close Bible student and his teachings are plain and thorough. His discourses were excellent, one of his closing addresses, "Golgotha" being a sublime portayal of the crucifixion, and his best effort of the series. Closely connected as he has been in the relief of the poor of his home town, brought in touch with crime in various ways, he is a friend of the sinner, to whom pleas were made in full sympathy. His splendid voice and delivery are fitting for the pulpit. Mr. Boblitt made many warm friends during his stay, and he, his wife and daughter Pauline will be kindly remembered."

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CALIFORNIA WATER FAMINE IS OCCASIONED BY NEGLECT

Company Fails to Repair Intake Pipe When it Becomes Clogged.

NORMAL FURNISHES WATER

Better in Quality, but Quantity is Insufficient for Present Needs.

California is in a bad shape regarding the water supply, owing to the neglect of the California Water company in repairing their intake at Phillipsburg. In many places there is no water at all now, and the residents are suffering greatly from what in effect is a water famine.

The Normal school has been supplying the town as fully as possible with water but owing to the fact that their pipes are somewhat smaller than the water company's, and they are not equipped to furnish water to more that the school itself, the supply is cut down.

Several weeks ago the intake at the pumping station of the California Water company at Phillipsburg became clogged and it was necessary to discontinue any effort at pumping. The small amount of water in the reservoir was soon exhausted.

No effort was made to repair the intake pipes it is said, and the condition remains the same now. The town's sole water supply is from the Normal pumps, which is really a better quality, but of inadequate quantity.

There has been some talk of attacking the water company. The citizens have become angered at their continual alleged neglect, when the repairing could apparently be easily done within two or three days at the most.

"OLD KENTUCKY" AT THE COYLE THEATRE

"Old Kentucky" will be the attraction at the Coyle theatre on Christmas matinee and night. If you have ever seen it this notice would be sufficient; you would want to go again. A country in the making is always more interesting than one where the people have settled into ruts; and that is just what the southern people never did. The characters are alive and do just what you or I would do were we placed in the same position. The humor is irresistable because of its seriousness, and one forgets that he is watching a play and imagines that he has been wafted back by some magic to that mystical golden age of the Sunny South. One glimpse at the cast will be sufficient to insure any person however critical of a evening of unalloyed pleasure.

Mrs. Mary A. Scott.

A teacher in Tennessee before the civil war and for many years connected with the public schools of Washington county, Mrs. Mary A. Scott, widow of George T. Scott, is dead in Monongahela, aged 72 years. She was the daughter of the late Oliver Lindley of Washington, and was teaching in Tennessee at the outbreak of the civil war. The feeling against northerers was so strong, however that she went to Monongahela, getting a position in the schools there. Her husband died in 1889. Five children survive.

Double Tracks Laid in North Charleroi

Cars are Now Running on New System in Sister Borough.

The laying of the double tracks at North Charleroi by the Pittsburg railways company has been completed, and the cars this week started running on them. The double tracks will be a great aid in keeping to schedule time. It is expected that work will be begun before long upon the laying of double tracks in the Charleroi borough as far as the car barn, from the borough line north. It is necessary for an ordinance to be passed through third reading, however.

WEST PENN BUYS CARS

Pittsburg Railways Not in Same Class with Fayette System.

The West Penn railways, having lines through Fayette and Westmoreland counties, have placed an order with a Cincinnatti car manufactory for 11 new interurban cars to be placed on their Brownsville Uniontown line. The cars will be nearly 70 feet long and equipped with ladies' compartment and smoking room, toilet rooms, drinking water and all the latest and most uptodate car furnishings. They will favorably contrast with those of the Pittsburg Railway company run on their lines. Especially fast time is being made between Brownsville and Uniontown now the schedule time being one hour, with half hour service.

HANDKERCHIEFS FROM IRELAND.

Memories of the "Green Isle" Awakened by These Dainty Bits o' Shamrock Linen

Kirk and Clark are showing a very extensive array of Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs.

We think they are even prettier than those shown by this firm last year.

The dainty patterns and perfect workmanship are wonderful when the small cost is considered. Kirk and Clark are showing some wonderful values in pure linen handkerchiefs from 10 cents to 50 cents for ladies or gentlemen. Their initial handkerchiefs for lades or gentlemen at 15c and 25c are spiendid value and the line of 25 cent fancy handkerchiefs for ladies is the biggest and best ever brought to Charleroi. Nothing is more welcome or useful for a Christmas gift for man woman or child and every one ought certainly to get a suitable selection from the big line shown by Kirk and Clark. 107t2

Don't forgat the little ones at home. Visit the Sugar Bowl. Fine candies, choice fruits, mixed nuts, Xmas trees. Everything that's good at Polites and Co's. 106t2

CRUSH OF MAILS AT CHRISTMAS TIME THOUGHT TO BE RESPONSIBLE

Card was Written to Family by Man who Disappeared, but They Failed to Receive it.

The Christmas rush in the mails might be given as the cause of the anxiety of the family of Andrew Amos of Charleroi, for his whereabouts and the reports to the effect that he was dead. Amos went to West Virginia on December 6, to return within four days. He did not return and apparetly vanished from the face of the earth. He was found on Sunday by his son-in-law George Leyda and was due to return home on Monday again but was detained on business and arrives today.

Mr. Amos, when he got to West Virginia, saw that he could hardly be back within the four days, and sent a post card to his family announcing the fact. Apparently this post card got lost in the immense amount of mail being handled at this time, and the family received no word. He did not surmise that they would be looking for him and consequently was rather surprised when his son-in-law arrived. Leyda is at home.

TURNERS ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

Select Those Who Guide Destiny of Society the Coming Year.

The annual meeting of the Charleroi Turn Verein was held Monday night and officers elected as follows:

First Speaker—W. A. Miksch.
Second Speaker—Chritopher Brown.
Recording Secretary—W. B. Luzar.
Financial Secretary—Theo. Elsner.
Treasurer—Joseph Hockendowner.
First Turnwart—Fritz Kable.
Second Turnwart—Wm. Fechter.
Chairman of Trustees—M. Brenrer.
Chairman of Entertaining Committee—Capt. J. K. Hein.
Physical Culture—G. Dwortzek.
Mental Culture—Joseph Cordon.
Custodian of Turning Apparatus—J. O. Bechtel.
Bookkeeper—F. Zicherl.

The local society has had a good year and the Active Turners, the gymnastic classes for adults and children, as well as the singing section, are in a high state of efficiency.

DEEDS ARE FILED FOR CHARLEROI PROPERTY

Lots and Houses in Good Locations Disposed of by Owners.

Deeds filed for record yesterday at Washington from Charleroi were:

Charlotte Dick of North Charleroi, to James Johns of Charleroi, two lots in North Charleroi, fronting each 25 feet on 100.

E. W. Hastings of Charleroi, to David M. McCloskey, two lots in Charleroi Land company plan, each fronting 22 feet on Fallowfield avenue; consideration $2,500.

Charley E. Lantz of Greene county, to Belle J. McKay of Charleroi, interest in tract in Charleroi; two lots fronting 44 feet on Washington avenue; consideration $1,616.00.

Men's

black or tan Romeos at 79c, worth $1.25 at Louis Beigel's Great Sacrifice Shoe Sale. 419 McKean avenue. 105t2

3 Pounds For 25c

Of fresh homemade candies, ribbon candy, 10c. per pound, fine chocolates 15c. per pound at Polites and Co's. 106t2

Mrs. Wm. Schempp and daughter, Mrs. John Albright, are shopping in Pittsburg today.

Mrs. Elizabeth T. McDonough and daughter, Miss Bernette are guests this week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Oscar T. McDonough in Washington. Miss McDonough is attending the institute there, being one of the Charleroi teachers.

J. E. Masters is spending the day in Pittsburg with friends.

Mrs. C. M. Allen of McKean avenue has returned from Knoxvillle, Iowa, where she spent several weeks with friends and relatives.

John R. Donovan is transacting business today in Pittsburg.

Edmund Brown is a Pittsburg business visitor today.

Santa Claus Headquarters at Polites and Co's. Christmas trees of all sizes. Home made candies, 10c. pound, 3 pounds for 25c. 106t2

JOSEPH BROWN PLEADS GUILTY

Admits that he Sold Booze, and Conducted a Gambling Joint.

Joseph Brown, colored, of Donora entered a plea of guilty Monday to the charge of selling liquor without license and keeping a gambling house. He was sentenced to pay the costs, a fine of $1 and to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of four months.

Brown was held for court at a hearing held before Justice of the Peace Rice here on last Saturday morning. He plead guilty to the charge of running a gambling house but would not say he was guilty of selling liquor illegally.

MANAGER GETS MILITARY TOURNAMENT

Manager R. L. Barnhart of the Palace Theatre has secured a most usual attraction for Monday and Tuesday of next week. This is the only original and authorized motion pictures of the great Military Tournament of the United States Army, which was held at Toledo, Ohio, last summer during the week of July 5. This tournament was held under the command of Major General F. D. Grant, and was brought about by assembling from all partts of the country all the crack companies and regiments representing every branch of of the military service comprising Uncle Sam's army. So extensive are these motion pictures that it requires three reels to hold them and it takes an hour and fifteen minutes to present them. All the drills, field manoeuvers and action of each branch of the service are shown detail and as a whole. Reel No. 1 shows cavalry drills, sabre charges, rough riding the school of the trooper, camp drill, and attack, and action in battle. Reel No. 2 shows camp, life the army bake shop, the live stock of a modern army, the engineer corps in bridge building, machine gun drills, field artillery action, with attack upon and defense of wagon trains.

Reel No. 3 shows the hospital corps and the Red Cross department, infantry drills, in which the soldier is taught to "obey" orders and shoot straight," full dress reveiws, guard mounts and a closing scene that never fails to arouse the highest degree of patriotic enthusiasm. It was Gen. F. D. Grant's express wish that motion pictures be taken of this tournament as an education to the public of the glory and efficiency of our army. It will be presented here but two nights, Monday and Tuesday, December 27 and 28.

Its Cheaper

at Louis Beigel's Sacrifice Shoe Sale, 419 McKean avenue. 105t2

Orange is ready with a nice bunch of Christmas trees and greens. Headquarters in the Stag Store Room. 103t4

Our Shoe Sale

is the talk of the town. Louis Beigel's Sacrifice Shoe Sale 419 McKean avenue. 105t2

Apollo Chocolates, done up in Christmas boxes at Oranges, 606 Fallowfield. 103t4

Dressmaking done at 906 Shady avenue. 106t4p

OLD OFFICIALS RESIGN; NEW ONES ARE ELECTED

Will Conduct Work of Evangelization

Plans Formed for Christianizing Workers in Mills and Mines.

Christian evangelistic work that will include in its scope rescue work and the carrying of the gospel into the mills, mines and factories of this section is the plan of a movement started by a Pittsburg evangelistic committee. Fifteen thousand dollars will be raised for this work by a finance commitee. The committees are composed of some of the best known men of the city.

ASKS FOR RECEIVER

Mrs. Tuman Files Bill in Equity Court Against Charleroi Company.

A bill in equity has been filed by Harriet R. Tuman against Bryon G. Matson asking that a receiver be appointed to take charge of the books and assets of the firm of B. G. Matson and Co. and wind up its affairs.

The plaintiff states that she owned a coal mine in Fallowfield township and entered into a partnership with the defendant for the mining of the coal under the firm name of B. G. Matson and Co. The plaintiff claims that Matson who had been intrusted with the keeping of the books, has failed to account for the coal mined and sold and refuses to furnish an accounting.

At Banquet

D. S. Johnston, the superintendent of the local West Penn Electric company office, was in Pittsburg last night to attend a banquet given at the Fort Pitt Hotel by J. S. and W. S. Kuhn, to the heads of departments under them. There were 450 persons at the banquet west as far as California and east as far as New Hampshire. The Kuhn company has 60 water stations in 46 Ttates, and controls any oumber of other kind of plants.

At Manicure Parlors

New switches, braids, turbans and fancy hair dressing articles. Grace Keech, 206 Fourth strset. 106t2

Men's Christmas Slippers

at 39c, 69c, 98c up to $1.98 at Louis Beigel's Great Sacrifice Shoe Sale, 419 McKean avenue. 105t2

At Manicure Parlors

Received a lot of the newest in braid pins, barrette and fancy pins. Grace Keech, 206 Fourth street. 106t2

Its Cheaper

at Louis Beigel's Sacrifice Shoe Sale, 419 McKean avenue. 105t2

The sweetest spot in town, candies made daily. A fine line of Xmas candy boxes at Polites and Co's. 106t2

Face powder, toilet articles and necesaries at the new manicure parlors. Grace Keech, 206 Fourth street. 109t2

Monessen-Charleroi Hospital Association Reorganizes.

DIRECTORS ARE NAMED

Consist of Well Known Charleroi and Monessen Business Men.

In order to increase the efficiency of the management of the Monessen-Charleroi Hospital Association a re-organization has been effected. This was done by all the officers resigning and re-electing new ones and by increasing the board of directors. The latter is not yet completed and it is probable that when the by-laws are amended the board will receive still further additions

The new officers elected are as follows:

President—H. S. Pore, Monessen.
Vice President—J. A. Sheetz, Monessen.
Secretary—E. C. Niver, Charleroi.
Treasurer—F. H. Shutterly, Monessen.

Directors—Rev. A. J. Wigley, F. H. Shutterly, Dr. Martin Griffith, Dr. M. J. Cramer, Dr. J. N. Weddell, J. A. Sheetz, H. R. Pore, J. G. Parke, John Cushing, Monessen; Dr. D. E. Sloan, C. F. Thompson, R. O. Stillwell, R. H. Rush, E. C. Niver, Charleroi; Dr. H. C. Daly, Gibsonton; L. M. Truxal, Belle Vernon.

According to the financial statment published a short time ago the hospital is in remarkably good shape for an institution starting with such limited means. It is the intention to make every effort to increase the standing and efficiency of the institution which is already attaining a favorable reputation along the valley.

AGED BELLE VERNON CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

John Henry Dies at His Home at 8:30 O'clock Last Evening.

John Henry, 78 years old, of Belle Vernon, died last evening at his home at 7:30 o'clock of complaints of old age. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Mr Henry is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. John H. Bowers of Charleroi; Mrs. A. G. Van Hook of Belle Vernon, and Miss Belle at home; three sons, John L., Jr. of Fremont, Ohio; Harry V. and Isaac of Belle Vernon. Mr. Henry was well known and much respected.

The W. F. Frederick Music company is closing out their entire stock of sheet music at 5, 10, and 15 cents per copy. All the popular hits. 107t3

Its Cheaper

at Louis Beigel's Sacrifice Shoe Sale, 419 McKean avenue. 105t2

Orange's Appollo Chocolates and candies are better than ever. Trees and Christmas Greens at the right price. 103t4

Its Cheaper

at Louis Beigel's Sacrifice Shoe Sale, 149 McKean avenue. 105t2

J. K. Toner, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. B. H. Rush, Cashier.

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ALL APPLICANTS MUST PASS AN EXAMINATION

Persons Wishing to Become Enumerators Must File Applications Soon

AGE LIMIT 18 TO 70 YEARS

Either Man or Woman who are Citizens of the United States Take the Census.

Any person of good judgement, who has received an ordinary common school education, can readily and easily pass the test to be given applicants for census eumerator's places on Saturday, Febroary 5th, the date finally set by U. S. Census Director Durand, according to an announcement from the Census Bureau, received by Census Supervisor Charles O. Frye of this district. This will be a comforting assurance to the several hundred thousand who are believed to be contemplating application for the places.

It was emphatically stated at the bureau that the test will be an eminenty reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the twelfth census. It will consist of filling out a sample schedule of population from a description, in narrative form, of typical families; and, in the case of enumerators whose work will be in the rural districts, they will be called upon to fill out an additional sample schedule of agriculture, from information furnished by the Census Bureau.

All persons, whether women or men, who may desire to become census enumerators must be citizens of the United States; residents of the supervisors' district for which they wish to be appointed and should apply for their home borough, ward or township; must be not less than 18 or more than 70 years of age; must be physically able to do the work; must be trustworthy, honest and of good habits; must have at least an ordinary education and must be able to write plainty and with reasonable rapidity.

Those who can comply with these requirements are invited to put in their applications, as there will be at least 68,000 enumerators' places to be filled by the middle of March in preparation of the enumeration beginning April 15.

Application forms, with full instructions of filling-in, and complete information concerning the test and the method of appointment, can be secured by writing to the supervisor of census for the supervisor's district in which the applicant lives. All applications, properly filled-in must be filed with the supervisors not later than January 25 as any received after that date cannot be considered.

Card of Thanks

We desire to extend and express our appreciation of the kindness and sympathy of friends and neighbors toward us in our recent bereavement, in the death of our beloved nephew, Albert Miller.

110t1p Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCoy.

A Costing Accident

Two boys at Washington sustained a broken leg each in a coasting accident on the street there Saturday, Melvin Naser and Clinton Ault, who ran into a horse and buggy occupied by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Delaney. The latter was also somewhat bruised but was not seriously injured.

Cars Held up by Effect of Snow

Trolly Line Breaks Near Eldora and Passengers Have to Transfer.

Cars on the Pittsburg-Charleroi line were considerably delayed this morning, and the service much tied up from the heavy snow. At the Summit switch, near Eldora, the first car south, from Pittsburg, jumped the track and for a few hours delayed traffic. Several rods south of this point the snow on the trolley wire caused it to break, and for about 100 feet was down. This necessitated the transfering of passengers.

GREEN IS CONFIDENT

Says That He is a Sure Winner in Pennsylvania and Ohio

From a letter received by a friend in this valley of William Green, the candidate for National president of the United Mine Workers, there is evidence given that Green was elected president to succeed T. L. Lewis, the present incumbent.

Mr. Green says that from figures received from this State in the recent election, he carried Central Pennsylvania by 3,000 majority, and the Pittsburg district by 5,000 majority. Out of the 13,000 votes tabulated in Ohio he is leading, according to his letter, by a substantial majority. In Illinois he is also leading, as near as can be learned, but he is of the opinion that the final count will prove that the vote there is very close. In the anthracite region Mr. Green stated there was 50 per cent less of a vote than a year ago, and that would indicate that Lewis had lost nearly his entire strength. Summing all up, Mr. Green says that he feels very much encouraged as the indications point to his election by a substantial majority.

Old Kentucky Takes Well

The Coyle Theatre was packed to its fullest capacity on Saturday night by persons anxious to see "Old Kentucky," produced by the Burns Amusement company. The play was a good one, in which there was some superb acting. Many other towns were unable to secure shows, and Manager Coyle received many congratulations for his efforts in getting a good company here for Christmas Day. The matinee also largely drew a full house.

Glee Club Holiday Tour

Harold Smith, a member of the Washington and Jefferson College Glee Club, left this morning, to join the club in its holiday tour. The club will appear in four places, Steubenville, Ohio, Chester, W. Va., Butler and Crafton. Smith sings first tenor. Karl Keffer, Jr., another member of the club, will leave later for Steubenville, where he will join the club. "Keff" sings second bass

Dressmaking done at 906 Shady avenue. 106t4p

BAD MEN GET INTO FRACAS

One Man Tries to Chase Other Out of Borough, But Fails

Mike Coskolaski, who is regarded as a bad man in police circles, stepped into the limelight last nig t, when he tried to chase Joe Bunochok of Pittsburg, bearing a reputation similar to that of the doughty Mike's, out of town. The chaser failed to chase, however, and as result of the fracas between the two and several friends, Mike received a severe cut across one of his hands. Both were arrested. Mike left a forfeit of $25 and Joe $7.00, as an evidence of good faith to appear again.

The affair happened at Tenth street and McKean avenue. Joe came up yesterday from Pittsburg to spend the day with friends. Mike found it out, and decided to do real bad things, because at one time he had been scared out of Pittsburg by the said Joe. Accordingly he went after the latter.

Big knives were pulled, it is stated, but before the damage intended could be done, the bunch was locked up by the police. It is said that Mike about six years ago cut up a man here, and nearly caused his death.

VALUATION OF SPEERS BOROUGH ESTIMATED IN ASSESSOR'S RETURNS

Speers borough shows a gain in the amount of property taxable for county purposes, according to the triennial assessment of $28,390. C. K. Chalfant is the assessor and it took him only eight and one-half days to perform his duty. His full report follows: Taxables, 102; number of acres of timber land, 10; number of acres of surface, 512 1-2, valued at $63,359; seventy-five acres of coal, $89,000 or $500 per acre; houses and lots, $63,750; total real estate, $166,109; occupations, $8,895; thirty-one horses and mules, $1,855; twenty cows, $860; total amount of property taxable for county purposes, $177,450; money at interest, $25,000.

Three years ago the report for Speers was as follows: Taxables, 113; 510 acres of surface, $45,500; four acres of coal and surface, $2,600; seventy-eight acres of coal, $85,800; houses and lots, $59,285; total value of real estate, $142,815; occupations, $10,155; thirty two horses and mules, $2,035; twenty one cows, $635; total amount of property taxable for county purposes, $154,060; money at interest, $29,480.

EXCITING RUNAWAY; BUT LITTLE DAMAGE

A delivery wagon belonging to the Charleroi City Grocery was somewhat damaged on Friday afternoon, when the horse hitched to it ran away. The horse started on Long alley, and coming out past the Mail building turned up Fifth street at a full gallop. The wagon almost overturned in front of the Wilbur Hotel, but the animal continued. At Carson's Grocery on Fifth street, there was a delivery wagon standing. At this point the runaway horse swerved, but not enough to avoid the Carson wagon. The wagon of the Charleroi City Grocery was overturned, and somewhat damaged. The horse stopped, and was taken to the stable. The Carson wagon was uninjured.

Got More Coal Lands

The largest coal deal of the year was closed at Pittsburg a few days ago, when Rembrant Peale of Peale, Pescock and Kerr of New York sold to John H. Jones of Pittsburg and his brother, D. G. Jones, of Canonsburg, 6,000 acres of coking coal land in the Fairmont district of West Virginia. The purchase price was more than $2,000,000.

Notice

A Christmas tree and treat, together with an entertainment for the children of the members of the Charleroi Turn Verein, will be held at Turner Hall Tuesday evening, December 28, at 8 o'clock. 110t2

$15,000 FOR THE WIDOWS

Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company Assisting in Providing for Families

The Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company has sent out checks aggregating nearly $15,000 to the widows and orphans of the miners who lost their lives in the fatal explosion at Marianna a little over a year ago. They came as real Christmas greetings to the poor families and helped to lighten many hearts that had been made heavy by the loss of the bread-winners of the families. There was also conveyed in the letter that accompanied each gift the message that they had not been overlooked during this season when everyone wishes everyone else a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

The letter enclosed with each check, which was for $100 for each widow, was signed by James Johns, John H. Jones, Thomas P. Jones, David G. Jones, H. P. Jones, M. M. Jones and E. F. Miller, who are at the head of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company.

These gifts of the company are exclusive of the $100,000 which has been given to the widows, orphans and dependents during the past year. The company has been providing for them and there is not a single suit growing out of a death in the mines of the concern now pending.

CRIME CHARGED TO BLACK HAND

Battisto Dalesandro, a wealthy Italian merchant of Washington, is in the hospital with probably fatal wounds inflicted, the police say, by a Black Hand agent who struck the man down when he refused a large amount of money. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of John Cantaly of Washington, an Italian leader and proprietor of a pool room, and for a trange Italian known as Antonio Folle.

The attack upon Dialesandro, member of the firm of V. J. Dalesandro and Brothers, was made in an Italian barber shop shortly before noon on Christmas and the wounds were inflicted with a razor picked up in the shop. The strange Italian, Folle, is said to have wielded the weapon. Just what part Cantaly played in the affair is not definitely known. The officers say they believe he cooperated with outside Black Hand operators, because of his alleged jealousy of Dalesandro.

Witnesses say Dalesandro was held in a barber's chair while being slashed. Dalesandro's face and throat were laid open and several arteries were severed. He almost bled to death before medical aid could be secured.

Well Known Couple Married Christmas

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Coats, 220 Fallowfield, on Saturday afternoon, occurred the wedding of Miss Rosella Coates and Mr. William T. Borgman, both of Charleroi. The ceremony was performed at 10 o'clock by Rev. H. C. Boblitt, pastor of the First Christian church, the ring ceremony being used. The couple will reside in Charleroi.

Mrs. Frances A. Linn

One of the best known women in Monongahela, and prominent in work of a charitable nature, Mrs. Frances Allen Linn, widow of Dr. George A. Linn, died at 3 o'clock Sunday morning at her home in that place. Apoplexy was the cause of death, Mrs. Linn having been stricken last Thursday morning and never regaining consciousness

Mrs Linn leaves one daughter, Mrs. Hannah A. Swaney, of Monongahela, with whom she made her home. A twin sister, Mrs. S. B. of the family of 11 children, also survives.

Funeral services in charge of the Rev. W. F. McKee, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Linn home the interment, to be made in the Monongahela cemetery.

CHARLEROI ENJOYS BIGGEST CHRISTMAS IN ITS HISTORY

300 Coke Ovens are Fired at Braznell

Bentleyville Region Becoming One of Most Prosperous Communities in County.

Fire has been placed in 150 of the 300 new coke ovens recently constructed at Braznell. The washer which is being constructed at the same point is nearing completion. All the coal from the mines between Bentleyville and Monongahela will be grouped at Braznell.

WOULDN'T GO WHEN TOLD

Hence Colored Woman Will Be Held for Court Trial

Mrs. Susie Nelson, a colored woman, was taken to jail this morning by Officer David Mathers, to await action on charges of adultery and larceny, for which she was held at a hearing Saturday before Justice of the Peace Rice. Information was made by Chief of Police Albright. Mrs. Nelson was caught in the Walton Lumber yard on November 27 with a white man, and when arrested paid a fine. On December 11 she was arrested for robbing a man of a scarf pin, and paid a fine, besides giving back the pin. At both times she promised to leave town. On last Friday evening she was caught with a white man in the rear of Calvert's pop shop at about 9:30. She had relieved him of about $20. He was intoxicated, and was arrested along with her. It is understood that Mrs. Nelson will plead guilty to the court.

NO FUNDS RECEIVED BY A. M. E. CHURCH FOR RELIEF OF WOMAN

To the Mail: Reports having been circulated that money was received by St. James A. M. E. church from the Charleroi Relief Committee for the benefit of Mrs. Fanny Lewis, and never turned over for that purpose, we wish to state that such is not the case. Not knowing anything about the matter although active in the management of the church affairs, we communicated with Wm. Gelder this morning in regard to the matter, and he informs us that no money was ever paid over from the fund of which he is treasurer to our church for the benefit of Mrs. Lewis. We make this statement in order to set the public aright in the matter.

Geo. W. Turner, trustee,
John F. Webster, trustee,
G. G. Skinner, pastor.

Night School

Six full months for $20 and books free. This is the special Holiday Offer made by the Douglas Business College, and will be withdrawn after Jan. 3, 1910. Courses in Shorthand, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, English and Civil Service. Many young people who accepted our offer a year ago are now holding good positions. 110t1

Churches Hold Pleasing Entertainments in Celebrating Day

POSTOFFICE BEATS RECORD

More Packages and Post Cards Handled than During any Previous Year

Charleroi enjoyed the biggest Christmas in the history of its existance if the giving of gifts is taken into consideration. It was one of the happiest days, too, and everything tended to make the Christmas spirit reign supreme. The day was one of the rare Christmas days, with the ground covered with snow, and the weather man dishing out more of the beautiful white.

The churches which held their Christmas exercises on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday were all well packed, and each with its special program indicative of the day, provided entertainment for numbers. Churches holding their exercises yesterday were the First Presbyterian, the Lutheran and the Baptist. At the First Presbyterian the music, under the direction of Prof. I. T. Daniel, was the special feature. At the Lutheran there was a Christmas tree, brilliantly illuminated. Both of these had exercises at night by the children. At the Baptist there was a program of music last night in which the choir took a prominent part. The Christian church held their exercises on Friday evening, and gave the treat. On Saturday the Catholic churches of town held special masses, and celebrated the birth of the Christ with appropriate services, in which all the pomp and solemnity of the church were shown. St. Mary's Episcopal church held special services on Christmas morning, at 8 and 10:30 o'clock, and the French Presbyterian held their Christmas exercises by the children on Christmas evening.

The postoffice probably did a larger business than at any time in its history. More packages and post cards as well, were handled than at any previous year. It would be practically impossible to determine with any degree of accuracy at this time the sum total of the business done, but it greatly surpassed that of any other year, as far as can be determined. The express office was overtaxed during the few days prior to, and Christmas Day.

The holiday celebration will continue in a way all this week.

On Tuesday evening the Turn Verein will have their usual treat, and entertainment for the children and some of the churches will especially observe the week.

No Crowd, No Match

There was no boxing show at the Coyle Theatre as scheduled Friday night between Solly Stroup and Kid Tyler, owing to the fact there was not a large enough crowd on hand to pay the expense. There were to have been two preliminaries between local boxers.

Class Honors Teacher

The Anchor Class of the First Christian church, presented a fine Oxford Bible to their teacher, Mrs. H. C. Boblitt, on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Rossom me spent Saturday and Sunday in Greensburg with relatives and friends.

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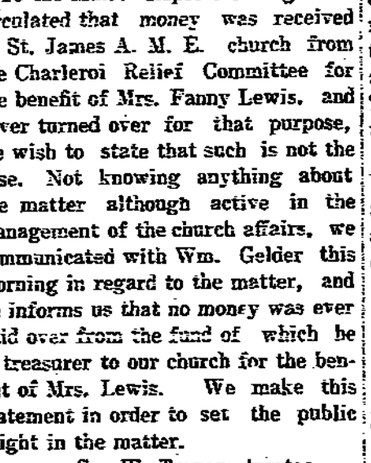

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Criminal Carelessness.

The following from the Washington Observer, which is in line with previous admonitions given by the Mail, is particularly timely just now. The open gas stove and grate are a deadly menace in every home, and their maintainance is little short of criminal carelessness. The Observer says:

"Recently a little child was burned to death in one of the towns of Washington county. Her clothes had caught at an open grate. A newspaper published in that town assures the public that the parents are "prostrated with grief."

"This is not the first tragedy of the kind to happen in this county. Several have occurred within the past few years. Neither are such sad fatalities peculiar to this county. Two were reported in one day last week from Kittanning. They are a reproach to our boasted civilization.

"Being 'prostated with grief' after the burning of a little child at an open grate is hardly a sufficient punishment for the parents or other careless persons responsible.

"Fire screens can be purchased in any hardware store. They do not cost much. The open fire places in every home where little children are a part of the family should be equipped with these screens. It would be no serious infringement of our "personal liberty" if the law compelled every householder to attach them to all open grates.

"Coroner Heffran can do much to prevent the recurrence of these heart-rending tragedies. Whenever one occurs he should make a thorough investigation and if anyone is guilty of gross carelessness his jury should recommend their indictment. A few convictions of parents who are criminally negligent will go a long ways towards preventing such horrible domestic tragedies in the future."

The expenditure of perhaps a dollar and a quarter for a screen would have perhaps prevented the family referred to from being "prostrated with grief." It is good luck rather than carefulness that prevents more such accidents.

Worth Considering

Hon. Edward Callaghan's suggestion that the flat at the mouth of Maple creek be transformed into a lake, and with the adjoining woodland along the Lincoln avenue extension be utilized for a park, is worthy of consideration. The plan seems perfectly feasible, and after the first cost of acquiring the property the lake and grounds could be constructed at a cost that need not be burdensome. With sufficient means a landscape gardener and engineer could transfer what is now an unsightly section into one of the most beautiful parks in the country.

It will certainly do no harm to investigate this proposition and ascertain: First, if the project can be engineered and financed anywhere within the bounds of reason; second, if the ground is available, and third, if the public is sufficiently interested to warrant the undertaking. While there may be unforeseen obstacles to such a project, it looks good on the face of it, and should be investigated.

On Their Merits

The instructions to Census Supervisor Frye, published elsewhere in this issue, will be interesting reading to those who intend to make application for appointment as enumerators. From these instructions it will be learned that all enumerators must appear at a certain date and take an examination as to qualifications for the position. This is not in the nature of a competitive examination, but for the purpose of establishing a standard. Those who fail to come up to this standard cannot be appointed, no matter what political influence might be exerted in their behalf.

This is the first time such a requirement has been exacted from enumerators. In past years these appointments have been considered as political plums, and were used to strengthen the fences of the various Congressmen. This time however, every effort is made to keep the census out of politics, and to appoint all officials and enumerators strictly on their merits. The examinations to be held here for enumerators are open to all, and any who come up to the required standard can make application. The appointments will be made strictly upon their merits.

The Personal Element

Whether or not the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company is "The Biggest Ever," as some newspapers in the county are inclined to doubt, the men who compose it have their hearts in the right place. On Christmas, for instance, they mailed a check for $100 to each of the widows of the victims of the disaster at their Marianna mine about a year ago. The aggregate of this gift was $15,000. In addition the Jones Brothers, who compose the company, have expended $100,000 caring for the widows and orphans of the victims, and not a single suit for damages has been filed against the company as a result of the disaster.

The Pittsburg-Buffalo company is really a big corporation, if not "The Biggest Ever," but in the making of it the personality of its promoters has not been lost sight of. It is the one big concern that keeps tab on the personal element of its workers, and for that reason the relations of employers and employed are closer than any of the others.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

'Tis a funny thing this Christmas giving. But it's always sure to make some persons happy.

Some people down in Carrol township say, "we want a new polling place." Others say "we don't want a new polling place." Now, what is a fellow to do?

If they abolish football in this country, people will go to Mexico to see the bull fights. The lesser of the two evils should be chosen.

The easiest thing to do is to remember things that some other fellow has said about us, which is not to our credit.

The Christmas rush in the mails may conveniently be blamed for a large assortment of mishaps nowadays.

Christmas is usually pictured pictured as cold as blazes, and with a white covering on the ground. As a reminder of what it is supposed to be, as well as a suggestion of the nature of the Christmas spirit we would suggest that people read "Snowbound" on that day.

The Sheep Hill Philisopher surmises that a person's advice would never fit himself.

Monessen boasts that while it receives all kinds and natures of outside trade, it does not send any out of town. From the way people came to Charleroi the past week, bearing all the evidences of being compelled to acknowledge that place across the creek their abode, we would surmise differently.

While we have had a ringing of sleighbells in our ears for more than a week, we are yet to see a sleigh, or sled.

The celebration of Christmas will soon be forgotten in the woes of a celebration of the Fourth of July.

Many people think a school teacher has no business getting married. The same persons believe that if a teacher doesn't have the appearance of a real old maid, she is absolutely no good.

The happiest time of the year for some people is not Christmas.

Over at institute last week, Cupid, the ornery little cuss, is charged with creating all kinds of havoc. Apparently the kind of havoc he created, however, was the lasting kind.

Roupe

Virginia J. Roupe, 18 months old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Roupe of North Charleroi, died at the home at 11 o'clock last evening. The funeral will be from the home at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Interment in the Charleroi cemetery.

MISSED ONE POINT.

The Lady Told Him What More He Could Have Said.

"I am going to tell you something about yourself," he said.

"Go on," said the young and ambitious actress.

"I have in my time had rare opportunities to observe beautiful, graceful and talented women, and I violate no confidence in saying that you are the queen of them all. You unite in your lovely person that peculiar magnetism which lays audiences at your feet. Your genius, shining through all the deficiencies of stagecraft, enables you to triumph over every obstacle. So supreme are you that you have the right to rise above all conventionalities, to marry, to love, to discard whom you please, and no one will dare to criticise. Your work will live. You are the very personification of the highest art. United with this your perfection of beauty gives you the just title to a lasting fame."

"Is all that true?" she asked softly.

"Absolutely. Would you have me say more? What more could I say?"

She sighed.

"You might," she answered, "have mentioned my clothes and my figure."—Puck.

Disinterested.

Lord Monboddo, an eminent member of the Scotch judiciary and one of the clear cut figures in Boswell's immortal "Life of Johnson," was a great beau in his youth and in his later years a brilliant and learned if whimsical man.

He was a friend of the Garricks and one day was their guest at their villa at Hampton Court when Hannah More was also visiting there. They were walking together in the garden when his lordship astonished the fair and sprightly Hannah by a declaration of love and an offer of his heart and hand. Meeting with a positive refusal, he soon returned to the house and made a clean breast of it to Mrs. Garrick.

"I am very sorry for this refusal," he said in conclusion. "I should have liked so much to teach that nice girl Greek."

Our Languages.

What a lot of languages we talk, even if we talk only English! I was assailed by a man across the luncheon table with a language about a cup de final and confessed that it was quite unintelligible. Then another man talked about golf, which is another language. And then the woman's language elbows these columns. "The Countess —— wore a sea green cloth skirt with a bolero of the same color and a white marabou stole, and a black taffeta bow garnished her huge hat of burnt tagel straw." It is a fine example of women's slang. But to the man it means nothing—but expense.—London Outlook.

He Got the Chair.

On a very hot afternoon a number of around town chaps who didn't seem to have much to do were hanging in the chairs in front of a leading hotel. Several traveling men came out of the hotel and, finding all of the [illegible] occupied, looked and spoke things that wouldn't go well in print. Finally

"Let's dump a few of them out," suggested one.

"Hold on a minute," replied another. "Watch me get a chair." Saying this he walked over to one of the loungers and in the most courteous way said: "Will you please tell me whether there is a drug store across the street?"

"No," replied the lounger; "there's a bank."

"Oh, is it? Well, say, what is that nice big building just down the street there, two corners away?"

"That's the postoffice," was the reply.

"You live in this charming city then?" asked the drummer.

"I do," said the lounger.

"Well, then," replied the traveling man, "I'm a guest at this hotel and paying for accommodations. Suppose you get up and give me that chair."

He got the chair.—Kansas City Journal.

Too Pressing.

"And did you enjoy your African trip, major? How did you like the savages?"

"Oh, they were extremely kind hearted! They wanted to keep me there for dinner."—London Opinion.

Advantage is a better soldier than rashness.—Shakespeare.

Her Answer.

An Atchison girl had a proposal of marriage and asked a week to think it over. She went to all of her married sisters. One, who used to be a belle, had three children, did all her own work and hadn't been to the theater or out riding since she was married. Another, whose husband was a promising young man at the time she was married, was supporting him. A third didn't dare say her life was her own when her husband was around, and a fourth was divorced. After visiting them and hearing their woes the heroine of this little tale went home, got pen, ink and paper and wrote an answer to the young man. You may think it was refusing him, but it wasn't. She said she could be ready in a month.—Atchison Globe.

Faith, Hope and Charity.

A London weekly offered 2 guineas for a definition of faith, hope and charity. The winner is as follows: Faith, blind trust in a first page; hope, what investors are fed upon; charity, what some of them are likely to be brought to.

That is certainly not bad, but this one is perhaps even better: Faith, the gift that saves mankind; hope, the gift that cheers mankind; charity, the gift that makes man kind.

Last Call

This is the Last Week of Our Closing Out Sale

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This is the last week of our store in Charleroi. The stock must be closed. The store is for rent and the fixtures are for sale. You can practically buy pianos at your own price and upon your own terms. These are not pianos shipped in here with which to hold a 'hurry up sale'—but are our regular stock, **Chickerings, Hardmans, Knabes, Esteys, Price and Teeples,** and a dozen other makes, of the world's best pianos, that are being closed out rather than ship them elsewhere.

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A Barber and Poet.

Jasmin, the Gascon poet, who was also a barber, was once visiting the mayor of a French town and had promised to give an informal recitation to the townspeople. The hour arrived, but his host did not appear. Several important personages assembled to accompany them to the hall, but the mayor remained invisible, busied with his toilet. Finally, fearing the impatience of his guests, he opened the door of his chamber to apologize and showed his face covered with lather.

"Just a moment," said he. "I am finishing my shaving."

"Oh," said Jasmin, "let me help you."

He at once doffed his coat, gave a finishing touch to the razor and shaved the mayor in a twinkling with what he called his "hand of velvet." In a few minutes he was in the hall receiving tumultuous applause for his splendid recitations.

A Fearless Prince.

Victor Emmanuel when prince royal held the rank of colonel in a regiment of artillery, and Humbert I. was on the throne. A new explosive had been invented, and the young prince was invited to be present at some experiments that were to be made with it. At the first shot the cannon being used burst with terrific force, scattering pieces of metal in every direction, but luckily not seriously injuring any one. Nevertheless the natural impulse to fly from danger seized officers and experts alike, and off they rushed with more unanimity than dignity. Only Victor Emmanuel remained at his post. He watched them for a moment and then in a quiet tone of kingly tenor, called them back.

"No use running now," he said, with a ghost of a smile playing about his lips. "All danger is over."

The Size She Wanted.

The woman went in the bookstore and asked for a globe.

"What size do you want?" asked the clerk, turning one on its pivot for her to look at the various and sundry countries in pink and blue.

"I think," said the woman, "that you may give me one life size."—New York Times.

Poor Stuff.

The Servant—You got cheated when you bought that chiny vase, mum. The Mistress—How cheated? The Servant—Why, it's weak. It busted all to smash the first time I dropped it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wanted Her.

"An old couple from the east," says the Detroit Free Press, "are visiting their son in this city. If the mother gets out of sight of the father, he is constantly asking for her and is not content till they are together again. The other evening she went to another part of the house while he was in the parlor and after he had asked for her a half dozen times the son said, rather curtly:

"'It seems as though you couldn't be without mother five minutes at a time.'

"'You're right,' said the old gentleman slowly. 'That's the reason I married her.'"

Do the truth you know and you shall learn the truth you need to know.—MacDonald.

Caution Extraordinary.

"You have a night key?"

"Of course," answered Mr. Meekton, "only I'm so careless that Henrietta keeps it locked up in the safety deposit so that I won't lose it."—Washington Star.

Amateurish.

"Am I the first girl you ever kissed?"

"You are—I swear it!"

"I accept your apology."—Cleveland Leader.

A Rural Enoch Arden.

"In our little town in a western state," said Brown, "there was a half witted sort of fellow named Bill Wilkes. One day Bill took to the railroad tracks and never reappeared for about six years. In the meantime his wife, Bettie, took in washing and supported the family. One day Bill came back. He went around to the kitchen door, softly opened it, stuck in his head and said, 'Boo, Bettie.' Bettie turned around from her washtub. 'Te, he,' said Bill: 'I scared ye, didn't I, Bettie?' Whenever I see a stage husband return to his family I think of Bill's greeting after six years' absence, 'Boo, Bettie: I scared ye, didn't I?'"—New York Times.

Pleasant While It Lasted.

He listened inten . It was his wife and her mother g.

"No, my dear," the latter was saying, "I must go tomorrow. I do not believe in a mother-in-law making long visits. But, before I go, I want to tell you what a treasure I think you have gained in your husband. He seems to me to be near perfection. Are you sure, however, that you are not too strict with him? Do not be quick to chide him when he stays out late. Men need a little latitude, you know—say two or three times a week."

The man stirred uneasily in his sleep. It seemed so real; but, alas, it was a dream!

A Light Diet.

A certain father who is fond of putting his boys through natural history examinations is often surprised by their mental agility. He recently asked them to tell him "what animal is satisfied with the least nourishment."

"The moth!" one of them shouted confidently. "It eats nothing but holes."—Youth's Companion.

Cordial and Confidential.

"How did you get along with Mamie's father?"

"Fine. He said it was all right before I asked him. And then he asked me if I didn't know a few more likely young fellows who would take the rest of his girls."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Painful Ailment.

Though gout is generally reckoned a disease of rich men and free livers, one of the worst of sufferers from it was a well known English minister who died not long ago.

A friend once said to him, "Dr. So-and-so, what is gout like?"

The clergyman smiled sadly. "If you put your hand in a vise," he said, "and let a man press as hard as he can, that is rheumatism, and if he can be got to press a little harder, that is gout."

Why He Came Back.

"Wasn't you here a few weeks ago?" asked the woman of the house at the back door.

"Yes'm," replied the wanderer, "but I understood from a pal that you've got a new pastry cook since then!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Wearing Work.

"How's your husband doing?" said the pale woman.

"'Bout the same," answered the thin woman.

"Hasn't he got any regular work yet?"

"Yes. He said he felt the need of some steady occupation. So he thought he'd make it his business to wind the clock."

"Did he stick to it?"

"For awhile, but now he's kicking for an eight day clock."—Kansas City Independent.

The Bishop's Rebuke.

A conceited young cleric once said to an American prelate, "Do you not think that I may well feel flattered that so great a crowd came to hear me preach?"

"No," was the answer, "for twice as many would come to see you hanged."—From "The Old Time Parson," by P. H. Ditchfield, M. A.

Investment and Speculation.

When any one is buying a coat or a fishing rod or a rose tree or laying down a cellar or setting up a library, either he knows what he wants, where to get it and what to pay for it or else he takes earnest counsel with his friends and with the most trustworthy professional advisers that he can find and uses all the wits that he and others can bring to bear on the subject in order to make sure that his purchase is prudently conducted. He attends sales, rummages in shops and discusses the matter in his club until he and it are voted a nuisance. If only half as much time and trouble were devoted to the careful selection of investments there would be fewer bad companies, unscrupulous promoters and ornamental directors, the world would be very much richer, and its riches would show less tendency to gravitate into questionable hands.—Cornhill Magazine.

The Good Time.

Frequently you hear a rich man abused because he stays on the job that made him rich instead of spending his time gadding about the earth in search of a good time. But it is hardly fair to assume that avarice and greed prompt such action or even that it is a lack of faith in humanity. Very likely the work done represents the good time for the man who stays at it after all need of work has passed, for it is certain that there are many ideas of what constitutes happiness and the man who selects loafing is apt to change his mind in time if he tries it. Doing nothing is harder than work, and if a man has spent many years at work, earning little of play, work brings him more enjoyment than the butterfly existence.—Atchison Globe.

When Children Smoked.

In the seventeenth century in England the practice of juvenile smoking was almost universal, at least according to Jorevin de Rochefort, a French traveler of that period. In an account published in 1671 he gives a description of an evening he spent in Worcester. He was catechized by one of the townsmen as to the habits of the French people. "While we were walking about the town," he writes, "he asked me if it was the custom in France as in England that when the children went to school they carried in their satchel with their books a pipe of tobacco, which their mother took care to fill early in the morning, it serving them instead of breakfast, and that at the accustomed hour every one laid aside his book to light his pipe, the master smoking with them and teaching them how to hold their pipes and draw in their tobacco, thus accustoming them to it from their youth, believing it absolutely necessary for a man's health."

A Fixed Law.

"You are positive this happened on Tuesday?" demanded counsel.

"I am," said the witness.

"Sure it was Tuesday?"

"Yes."

"Why not Thursday or Friday?"

"Because we had chicken that day. Chicken day is Tuesday, when I board."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Cook's Declension.

The cook picked up an egg. She looked at it doubtfully.

"It's bad," she said.

She dropped it.

"It's worse!" she hastily added.—Exchange.

Not Acting.

Actor—All the newspapers say my impersonation of Cæsar last night was absolutely real. Rival—Perhaps that's so. Everybody I've met says it certainly wasn't acting.

Preserve your just relations to other men. Their misconduct does not affect your duties.—Epictetus.

Health Notice

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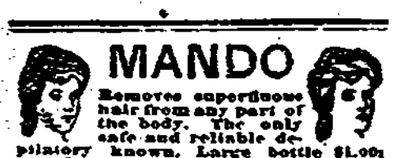

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WORK ON HIGHWAY IS DISCONTINUED

Work on the new Sprowl road from Peterman's Hill, north of Beallsville to Bentleyville, has been discontinued for the winter, and those employed have returned to their homes to spend the winter. Piper and Hastings will be at Charleroi; W. K. Reed, State engineer, at Washington, and Samuel McNulty, engineer for the contractors, has secured employment at Marianna.

The new road is entirely completed through Bentleyville, and much grading, and other work has been done to the remaining part. The road will be completed during the early summer.

This road has been known as one of the worst in the county for several years, but when completed it will be one of the best. During former winters the road was in such a condition that it was nearly impassible, and roads had to be made through the fields.

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"Smith got off a bright thing the other day."

"What was it?"

"A lighted cigar some one had carelessly dropped into the chair he sat on."—London Fun.

Disgusted.

Loafer the First—I thought this yere unemployed fund was for charity. Loafer the Second—So it is, ain't it? Loafer the First—It ain't. It means work.—London Sketch.

Ham With Jelly.

Melt in a saucepan a large tablespoonful of butter and half a glass of currant or other acid jelly. Shake in a little pepper and when hot lay in four or five small thin slices of boiled, cold ham. Let it boil up once and serve quickly on toast.—Boston Post.

Too Much.

Doctor—Now, there is a very simple remedy for this—er—this—er—recurring thirst. Whenever you feel you want a whisky and soda, just eat an apple—eat an apple. Patient—But—er—fancy eating fifty or sixty apples a day!—London Punch.

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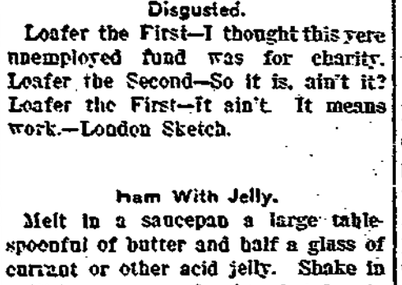

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LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Boesman of Blairsville visited the latter's sister, Mrs. E. B. Walters, yesterday.

Miss Grace Johns and William Newton attended the Nixon theatre at Pittsburg Saturday.

Miss Tressa Brady and Carl Behrendt attended the Nixon theatre at Pittsburg Saturday.

Earl Dean of Uniontown, spent Christmas in Charleroi the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Leroy Price, of Fallowfield avenue.

Mrs. Eugene Midgekar was in Beaver Falls to spend Christmas with her parents.

Miss Agnes Thompson, the milliner at Berryman's store, has gone to Toledo, Ohio, for the winter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnett of Homestead spent Christmas in Charleroi the guest of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Barnett, of Ninth street.

Misses Price and Blanche Frye are spending the day in Pittsburg with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swartzlander were Christmas visitors with relatives and friends in New Bethlehem.

Harry Smith is spending the holidays in Greene county with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Michener of Oakland were in Charleroi Saturday and Sunday to visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Wilson of Fairchance were visitors Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Darby of Fallowfield avenue.

Mrs. Donna M. Day and daughter, Mrs C. E. Miller, of Pittsburg, are visiting at the Hotel Arthur.

D. M. McCloskey, Esq., and R. S. Coyle went over to Connellsville yesterday in the former's touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Might of Fallowfield avenue left this morning for Meadville, where they will be the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Fred Miller.

Rev. A. N. Doak is transacting business today in Pittsburg.

Thomas Mosier and sister, Miss Sena Mosier, are spending the day in Pittsburg.

Mrs. John Hudspith and son are Pittsburg visitors today.

Rev. W. D. Slease of Sharon was in Charleroi yesterday to fill the pulpit for Rev. A. M. Doak at the M. E. church. In the evening Rev. Doak preached at the Belle Vernon Methodist church.

Ed. Werle was in Pittsburg Sunday spending the day with friends and relatives.

Harry Hormell spent Sunday afternoon in Brownsville the guest of friends.

P. E. Bonnell spent Christmas in Clarksville the guest of relatives and friends.

Lynn Fornier was a Sunday visitor in Elrama with friends.

John L. McDermott and Mr. and Mrs. G. May Hill of Homestead spent Christmas in Charleroi, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDermott of Crest avenue.

R. W. Bayne spent Christmas and Sunday in Waynesburg, with relatives and friends.

Patrick Carrol spent Sunday afternoon in California with friends.

Robison Rudcroft.

Robison Ruecroft, 32 years old, of Dunlevy, died this morning at 12:30 o'clock, after an extended illness of pulmonary tuberculosis. The funeral will be held from the late residence at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Interment in the Mt. Tabor cemetery. The deceased is survived by his mother, and four brothers. Ruecroft was a well known miner of Dunlevy, and his death is mourned by his many friends and acquaintances along the valley.

Classified Ads

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire at 176 Mail office. 110t3p

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FOR SALE—Five gas heaters. See Higgins, 109 Fallowfield. 110t2

LOST—Fountain pen [illegible] between Prospect and Oakland avenue. Finder will be rewarded if return is made to Sarah Fillingham, 516 Third street. 110t1p

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FOR SALE—Swell body sleigh good as new, also set single harness. Inquire of Reeves and Reeves, 335 Fallowfield avenue. 110t3

THE PILLORY.

An English Writer's Reflections Upon [illegible]

Perhaps one of the few really democratic institutions ever created was the pillory. I do not say that it was a humane institution, though it was certainly more humane than our system of silent imprisonment. But being humane has nothing to do with being democratic. You may have humane and inhumane democracies, just as you may have humane and inhumane despots.

The point is that the pillory was a real appeal to the people. If it was cruel it was because the people were cruel or perhaps justly indignant. The people threw dead cats (the less humanitarian, I believe, threw live cats), but they could throw bouquets and crowns of laurel if they liked. Sometimes they did. The argument about the old public punishments cuts both ways. The publicity was an additional risk for the government as well as an additional risk for the prisoner, and this is specially true of the executions for treason. It was no small thing that half a million men might possibly treat [illegible] treating as a murderer, that the prince had to concede to every obscure ruffian exactly what that ruffian probably wanted most—fame.—G. K. Chesterton in London News.

COLOR WORDS.

Red Seems to Be the Favorite With Most of the Great Writers.

Upon tabulating the words used by Shakespeare referring to colors it is revealed that out of every hundred color words thirty may be classed as red. Next follow twenty-two white, twenty black, seventeen yellow, seven green and only four blue. Thus Shakespeare's favorite color word was red, and investigation will show that this is the characteristic color of nearly all great writers. For instance, it is the color word most often employed by Tennyson.

In all great works of human interest red predominates, as it is the color of the very strongest of our passions and impulses—the color of hot blood. There is no color so warm, so full of joy and life, so overflowing with vitality.

Red is the color of glowing iron—of heat and passion. In nature red hastens the growth of trees, while at the same time it quickens all rotting and decay. Plans grown under red glass will grow four times as quickly as under white light, and grow to four times their usual height.

Red in excess has an evil effect. For example, an excess of red light makes one irritable and nervous. In excess red produces homicidal mania—the desire to kill. The effect of red upon various animals is well known, it having the power of enraging the bull, the tiger and the turkey.—London Scraps.

Transparent Rhubarb.

To be made day before using. Cut rhubarb into pieces one-half inch long. Spread on plates and sprinkle with sugar, allowing one-half cupful of sugar to each cupful of fruit. Let all stand overnight. In the morning pour off the juice and boil for ten minutes, drop in the rhubarb, a small portion at a time, and cook until tender. Remove from the sirup as soon as done to preserve shape. Put in a pretty dish.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Underweight.

Brown—That coal dealer of ours got just what was coming to him. Town—How? Brown—Married a girl the other day, thinking that he was getting 140 pounds and got only 98.—St. Louis Times.

An Author's Initials.

Initials are sometimes the resort of the writer who is anxious to conceal his identity, and a glance through any one of the 700 volumes that comprise the catalogue of the British museum reading room will discover some strange instances. A theological book, entitled "Inquiry Into the Meaning of Demoniacks In the New Testament," is attributed to T. P. A. P. O. A. B. I. C. O. S. Its real author was a certain Arthur Sykes, and the initials reveal his position as "the precentor and prebendary of Alton Borealis in the church at Salisbury."—London Chronicle.

Nietzsche and the Invalid.

An invalid lady who often met Nietzsche found him the gentlest, kindest and most sympathetic of men. He "implored her with tears in his eyes not to read his books." Such was his knowledge of women that he was thunderstruck to find shortly afterward that the lady at once proceeded to read them all. He was further stupefied by the discovery that, having read them, she was utterly unmoved by the philosopher's unanswerable demonstrations that feeble persons like herself had no right to live and that women were distinguished by this, that and the other objectionable attribute. It must have been a blow to him.—London News.

How He Manages Her.

"How is it that your wife is so tractable?"

"Why, I told her when we were married that she could do just [illegible] she pleased, and of course she finds no pleasure in doing it."—Chicago Post.

The Fighting Eel.

Bacon—Which do you think is the gamiest fish? Egbert—Well, the black bass is the gamiest to catch, but the eel is the gamiest when it comes to getting it off the hook.—Yonkers Statesman.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Gems Gleaned From the Teachings of All Denominations.

The finer feelings are like the [illegible]—men know not whence they come nor whither they go.—Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

Faith's Unconquerable Anchorage.

As long as sin and sorrow and death are in the world Christ, the Rock of Ages, will be the invincible anchorage of faith.—Rev. Dr. John E. White, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga.

An Influence In Religion.

A great influence in religion is the melancholy man. The men who have been in the torments of hell make the great poets and the great orators. We can't have depth without pain.—Rev. Dr. S. P. Cadman, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

On the Homespun Order.

Would that our lives in this modern age could be more on the homespun order! They would then stand unfurnished the wear and tear, the temptations and trials of every day.—Dr. Charles Luther Kloss, Congregationalist, Philadelphia.

Redeeming Criminals.

[illegible] penalties as agencies for the redemption, not the destruction, of criminals. Christ abhorred crime, but he mingled with criminals in the hope of redeeming them.—Rev. James B. Clayton, Baptist, Washington.

Faith.

Have faith in God, for faith is sunshine, is strength, peace, food, drink, sleep. Faith is a mother's arms infolding her child. Faith is the helmsman at the wheel. Faith is the pole star which directs our course from shore to shore.—Rev. Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, Lutheran, Baltimore.

To Become an "Immortal."

How it ennobles our work when we realize that it is part of the great plan of God! By bringing our loftiest visions to bear upon the practical things of life we learn to do our best work and bring forth evidences of the divinity within us. Our work will not be merely for time, but for eternity. In that way we may become one of the "immortals."—Rev. J. W. Roberts, Congregationalist, New York.

Worldly Prosperity.

If religion cannot stand the closest scrutiny, throw it away, for it is no good. If God cannot stand the same test, then reject God. We cannot doubt God, for the blessing of his spirit is within us. The desire for worldly prosperity is the curse of the nation and of the church. We today mix up too much our worldly prosperity with religious victory. In fact, our idea of God has become worldly prosperity.—Rev. J. Howard Wells, Methodist Episcopal, Washington.

Best Seed to Sow.

The best kind of seed to sow is love, true as a mother's, sympathy like an eternal spring, generosity whose hand cannot be closed, loyalty surpassing devotion to country, purity that vies with the mountain snow whiteness, truth as sure as the rising sun and as rich in helpfulness, charity that dispenses its gifts as the flower its fragrance, sacrifice that counts no cost and keeps near the cross, friendship that knows no superior save in Christ.—Rev. James A. Matheson, Presbyterian, Quincy, Mass.

Unity of Human Nature.

The unity of human nature is a fact of the gravest importance when we attempt to estimate the forces of the spiritual life. No faculty acts in isolation. The intellect acts upon and is acted upon by the conscience and the emotions. Wrongdoing disturbs the mental balance. Doubt grows on the soil of sinful indulgence. The consciousness of religious difficulties should lead us to greater carefulness of life. If we are full of doubts, then let us make as sure as we can that we have not blocked up by willful sin any window of the spirit.—Rev. H. Horsley Henson, Canon of Westminster Abbey, London.

Value of Experiences.

Every experience we pass through is to fit us to help others passing through a similar experience. Paul was a great sufferer, and to him we turn for words of comfort in affliction. So we in turn are to make our experiences a blessing to others. A traveler to the far west was stranded in St. Louis and so compelled to give up his purpose. But after much hardship he began to prosper and gathered a fortune. He knew what it was to be stranded on the way and to suffer disappointment. In his will he left a large sum to help stranded pilgrims west. Andrew Carnegie had a library opened to him when he was eager to learn, but without books. From that experience came his free libraries all over the country. These men made their experience work out for others' good, for it enabled them to appreciate others' needs and minister to it. Make an application of this principle today in your own life. You have had peculiar experiences. You have suffered pain. What sympathy you ought to have for sufferers! You have made your mistakes. What gentleness you ought to exercise toward those who err! You were discouraged, and some one helped you by a kind word. How ready you ought to be to speak a word of cheer! You have had your feelings [illegible] ought to be for the feelings of others! You know the frightful stress of temptation. Why not lend a hand to the tempted? Have you found a Savior? Then how eager you ought to be to tell others of him! Do you thank God for your experiences because they help you to help others? That's part of the Christian life.—Rev. Park Hays Miller, Presbyterian, Philadelphia.

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PITTSBURG TO HAVE OPERA SEASON

Pittsburg is promised a mid-winter season of grand opera by the combined artists of the Metropolitan and the Boston Opera Companies beginning January 3d at the Nixon. The great singers to be heard will include the star tenors, Constantino and Bonci Carl Joern, the new German tenor, Paul Bourillon, the new Paris tenor, George Bakanoff, from St. Petersburg said to be the finest baritone heard in this country since Maurel was in his prime; Enzo Leliva, the new Italian tenor, Giusto Nivette, the Italian basso, together with the great prima donnas Lillian Nordica, America's queen of dramatic sopranos, Lydia Lipkowska, the sensational coloratura soprano. from the Czar's Imperial Opera at St. Petersburg and who has been the biggest new sensation of the Metropolitan season in New York; Maria Gay fresh from her Covent Garden success as Carmen; Rosa Olitzka the distinguished Polish contralto; Celestina Bonnisegna, the French dramatic soprano; charming Alice Neilsen who has scored the success of her career this year in "La Boheme" and "Madama Butterfly" in New York, Frances Alda the beautiful lyric soprano of the Metropolitan and a host of others.

The company coming to Pittsburg is unquestionably the largest operatic organization ever sent on tour, numbering over 300 people with the Boston Grand Opera Orchestra of 80, a corps de ballet of 50, chorus of 125 and over 50 principals.

The reportoire announced for eight performance will be as follows:

Monday, January 3rd, Verdi's spectacular Egyptian opera "Aida" in Italian.

Tuesday, January 4th, Delibes' florid East India opera "Lakme" in French.

Wednesday Matinee, January 5th, Wagner's world famed "Lohengrin" in German.

Wednesday evening, January 5th, Bizet's stirring French opera "Carmen" in French.

Thursday, January 6th, Puccini's Latin Quarter Opera "La Boheme" in Italian.

Friday, January 7th, Second performance of "Lakme" in French.

Saturday Matinee, January 8th, Puccini's flowery Japanese opera, "Madama Buterfly" in Italian.

Saturday evening, January 8th, Verdi's popular "Rigoletto" in Italian.

Seats are now on sale at Hamilton's music store, 531 Wood Street and prices will be $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $3.00, $4.00, and $5.00. All checks must be made payable to Boston Opera company. Mail orders with remittance will be filed at once as near as possible to location desired, and seats may be had at Hamilton's on and after December 27th.

JOE HORTIZ COMING TO COYLE THEATRE

Joe Hortiz one of the world's sweetest tenors and yodlers in his new play "Fritz The Wandering Musician" will again be the attraction at the Coyle theatre tomorrow evening, December 28. The play relates an interesting Kentucky love story. Fritz the heroic lover rescues his sweetheart Dolly Reddington from the wily intrigues of the fortune hunting villian, Donald Kingdon. Mr. Hortiz is a tenor of no small ability and sings himself into the hearts of all who hear him. He is favorably compared with the late Fritz Emmet who left behind him a most favorable and splendid reputation. Miss Anna Whitford as Doll Reddington, whom "Fritz" falls in love with is a dainty little lady and wins the hearts of her audience at every performance. Donald Kingdon the fortune hunting lover gets his just deserts from Fritz who foils his plotting at every turn. Rev. Napoleon Bonapart the colored evangelist and Dina Jones furnish some very unique and clever comedy during the action of the play. Little Valentine as "Tess" and the beautiful trained St. Bernard dogs Rex and Leo will delight the hearts of the children. Mr. Hortiz will during the play sing the "Fritz" Lullaby, Kilkenny, The Daisy Song and others.

Purse for Pastor

Last night Rev. J. H. Palmer, of the First Baptist church, was presented with a purse made up by the members of his congregation.

Party getting Stetson Stiff Hat with notary seal on hand, in mistake at Methodist church Thursday night please exchange. Wm. Kenyon, 210 McKean avenue 110t1

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Odbert, and daughter Aline after spending Christmas in Beallsville have returned home.

PROPOSES SITE FOR PUBLIC PARK

Editor Mail: While it may in a certain sense be true, as you state in your editorial in the Mail, "That we have no natural groves available for a public park, "we have right at our doors what could be made with very little expense one of the most beautiful parks in the State of Pennsylvania. Beginning at the point where Maple creek flows into the Monongahea, at high water about 14 acres with its trees and shrubbery rivals in romantic beauty the famous lakes of Killarney. This could be made a permanent feature and a sufficient number of pleasure boats offer healthful exercise for the children. Then follow the Lincoln avenue extension from the edge of the lake to the end of the borough line you have ample ground for a park, large enough to afford a delightful boating place for the entire population of Charleroi, Monessen and Belle Vernon. You could have dozens of fountains spouting forth the sparkling waters of Maple creek. Of course there is one thing that mars the beauty of this lovely valley and that is the garbage plant, but I believe in time the city fathers will find a more secluded place for the furnace.

Apart from being made a pleasure ground this valley is the only inlet and outlet to and from the garden spot of Washington county. Take the trade that goes to Charleroi through this valley away from it, and you will find a slump in all lines of business. If the P. R. R. ever builds a new station it will be to their best interest to locate at the mouth of Maple creek. It will be the proper place also to put the new Government building. The natural formation of the place prevented the promoters of Charleroi from laying this vacant place off in 22 foot lots.

Let us take advantage of this God-send and provide a park for the present and future generations of this t e most wonderful valley in the world.

Yours truly,
Edward Gallaghan.

December 24, 1908.

INJURIES CAUSE AGED MAN'S DEATH

Alexander McMahon, 66 years old, one of the founders of Monessen, died Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock at his home in McMahon borough, from injuries received in an accident on November 22. At this time he was driving down Ninth street hill, Monessen, when his horse had an attack of the blind staggers, and the wagon lurched into a ravine precipitating the man over an embankment for a fall of several feet, and injuring him internally. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock when requiem high mass will be said over his remains at the St. Leonard's Catholic church, Monessen. He is survived by his wife, and 10 children, three sisters, and two brothers. A brother, William McMahon, lives in Charleroi and a sister, Mrs. Crow, in Fallowfield township.

Mr. McMahon some time in the eighties founded the town of Fordham on the site of the present Monessen. Later he secured an option on 500 acres of land, and when the East Side Land company was formed, purchased ground on which to start the borough of Monessen, he was one of the Stockholders. He was instrumental in starting the borough of McMahon, and at the time of his death was recognized as one of the principal figures of that place. He was active in politics, and was burgess of McMahon.

Claysville People Evidence Pleasure

Last week's Claysville Recorder has the following to say of Rev. H. C. Boblitt, pastor of the First Christian church of Charleroi, who closed a series of evangelistic meetings there last week:

"The gospel meetings at the Christian church closed Wednesday evening. H. C. Boblitt, who assisted the pastor, John Mulladay, is a strong man in evangelistic work. He is a close Bible student and his teachings are plain and thorough. His discourses were excellent, one of his closing addresses, "Golgotha" being a sublime portayal of the crucifixion, and his best effort of the series. Closely connected as he has been in the relief of the poor of his home town, brought in touch with crime in various ways, he is a friend of the sinner, to whom pleas were made in full sympathy. His splendid voice and delivery are fitting for the pulpit. Mr. Boblitt made many warm friends during his stay, and he, his wife and daughter Pauline will be kindly remembered."